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New tenants save jobs at arts café

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THE new tenants of the Axminster Arts Café premises will keep current staff and maintain links with the local arts and music scene.

Axminster residents Hilary and Jim Reaney have a wealth of experience in the catering industry, and will take over in January.

A search for a private leaseholder started in October when the four directors of Axminster Arts Ltd – which currently runs the café – gave notice that they would be resigning from their voluntary posts on December 31st.

A level of uncertainty regarding the future of the popular venue, which opened in 1999, arose but the four directors of Axminster Arts Ltd worked hard with the Old Courthouse Management Committee of Axminster Town Council (which owns the building) to ensure that the thriving community café would continue in the same premises, but under private management.

Axminster Arts Ltd agreed to leave all appliances, equipment and furniture to help facilitate a seamless transition.

Seventeen bids were received by Axminster Town Council, and Mr and Mrs Reaney were chosen.

Hilary owned a small coffee shop for many years and the couple previously owned Lea Hill Hotel in Membury and Kerrington House Hotel in Axminster.

They have been involved with Axminster Twinning Association for many years and Jim is an active member of the local Rotary club.

They jointly said: "We are delighted to be taking over the lease of the arts café in the New Year.

"We hope to continue the good work of Axminster Arts Ltd, who have done a fantastic job over the last 18 years, and build on their success.

"We are looking forward to continuing the links with the local arts and music scene.

"We are very pleased that the existing staff will be joining us, and will continue to look after the regular customers, and help us to attract new ones."

The arts café was originally set up to provide an exhibition space for local artists and to raise funds for the arts.

The Axminster Arts Ltd directors' decision to call it a day was explained in a statement back in October, which said: "Following serious health issues of one of the directors, the remaining three directors have tried unsuccessfully to recruit additional directors and have now made the decision to step down.

"Running the arts café is a massive responsibility and it seems that nobody else is willing to take on this task, for no financial gain.

"Unfortunately, even though the arts café is more financially successful than it has ever been in the past, the profit margins continue to be far too tight to enable management salaries to be paid.

"We hope that customers loyal to the arts café will continue to support the new management in the Old Courthouse premises, to ensure the continuation of this lovely community café."

Axminster Arts Ltd will be wound up on December 31st, with the last trading day being on Friday, December 22nd. The plan is to keep Axminster Arts going as an organisation but without its trading arm – the café.

New cafe owners Jim and Hilary Reaney (left) with staff and Axminster Arts Ltd directors

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Yeovil Innovation Centre to be expanded

WORK to expand the Yeovil Innovation Centre (YIC) has commenced following funding from the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership (HotSW LEP).

South Somerset District Council (SSDC) have received £442,000 from a Growth Deal with HotSW LEP – which provide funds to LEPs for projects that benefit the local area and economy – that has enabled Phase Two development works to commence at the YIC site.

The YIC has been very successful to date and a number of enquiries for additional smaller office accommodation are regularly received.

Phase Two works will see the development of approximately 9,500sq feet of flexible office accommodation to enable more start-up and small businesses in the high-tech and innovation fields to establish, expand and benefit from working with similar businesses at the existing Yeovil Innovation Centre.

The new extension building will be built to a high standard with very modern and flexible accommodation offerings.

It will face Copse Road and link into the existing YIC building.

Work on site by Midas Construction commenced at the end of November and is scheduled to be completed before the end of summer 2018.

Councillor Jo Roundell Greene, Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Deputy Leader of South Somerset District Council, said: "We are delighted to be working in partnership with the LEP on this priority economic development project.

"It has been a key objective for the council and I am pleased to see it coming to fruition, after much hard work and detailed planning.

"It will also be very interesting to see the new, innovative businesses that it will attract and support for the future."

Phase Two of the Yeovil Innovation Centre is partly funded by £442,000 from the Heart of the South West LEP's Growth Deal funding project: Unlocking Growth Fund, which allocates £5 million to fund the development of several employment and workspace sites and premises across the Heart of the South West area that support business growth.

The Heart of the South West LEP's total Growth Deal is worth £598m; including £239m from Government and £359m match funding.

Over the lifetime of the Growth Deal: 2015 - 2021; HotSW LEP estimates the investment will create up to 22,000 new jobs and 11,000 new homes.

Steve Hindley CBE DL, chairman of the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership, said: "Yeovil Innovation Centre is one of the LEP's portfolio of Growth Deal Funded projects that are taking shape throughout the HotSW area of Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay to create the right conditions for businesses to grow.

"This new extension will add flexible office space for more businesses to start up and benefit from working in this innovative environment."

Michael Borkowski, Business Development Director for Midas Construction, part of the Midas Group, said: "We are so pleased to be part of the partnership that is developing this exciting new phase of the Yeovil Innovation Centre.

"Work is already under way on site and we are looking forward to delivering a facility which supports local businesses and the South Somerset Economy."

The YIC is an evolving business community aimed at ambitious organisations and entrepreneurs.

...while EDDC picks up award for innovation

EAST Devon District Council, in partnership with three other Devon local authorities, has won the 'Most Innovative Strategy' award from the Institute of Economic Development (IED).

The council teamed up with Exeter City, Mid Devon and Teignbridge councils to produce the Exeter and Heart of Devon (EHOD) Shared Economic Strategy, which defines the joint growth ambitions of four local authorities and their collective aims to increase competitiveness and improve productivity in the area.

The 2017-20 strategy was launched last year after 12 months of planning where each local authority took ownership of one of four common economic initiatives: strategic planning (East Devon); business support and transformation (Mid Devon); inward investment (Exeter City); and employment and skills (Teignbridge).

The focus on collaborative working is already delivering tangible outputs for the local authority areas beyond what could be achieved in isolation – and this collective approach aligns with the national push for joint council working.

Councillor Paul Diviani, Leader of East Devon District Council, which submitted the IED award nomination of behalf of the project partners, said: "We are delighted to receive this award for our EHOD Shared Economic Strategy which sets out our growth ambition, priorities and approach that we will take to enable the growth of our regional economy.

"Creating a sustainable high-performing economy at a time of comparative uncertainty is at the heart of our shared strategy and action priorities. We have established targets around increasing high-quality jobs, attracting and retaining investment, unlocking and enabling development as well as improving productivity, skills, qualifications and employability.

"Our strategy sets out a shared vision and framework to steer the economic interventions of the councils and partner organisations. We cannot create jobs and wealth in isolation, but we can create the right environment for businesses to ultimately grow and flourish."

The EHOD 'Most Innovative Strategy' award win was announced at the IED Annual Awards 2017, staged as part of the IED Annual Conference in London, last month.

IED Chair Bev Hurley said: "The EHOD Shared Economic Strategy was the outcome of a collaborative approach to growth and prosperity across four local authority areas who recognised the challenge of creating economic growth in a difficult economic environment.

"The approach was striking as an innovative piece of work because the area of activity of the partnership and type of work carried out was entirely in response to business and was different to what had gone before spatially and in terms of scope. Its disregard for political boundaries and building a partnership from the bottom up is a major challenge and can be seen as an exemplar for others facing similar situations."

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Amnesty for tenants illegally sub-letting

EAST Devon council tenants illegally sub-letting their property will be given a month-long amnesty through January to hand back their keys to avoid prosecution.

Their landlord, East Devon District Council (EDDC), hopes the amnesty will make more homes available to "honest" people in need of affordable housing.

Tenants who illegally sublet their properties are breaking the law and, if convicted, face an unlimited fine or imprisonment of up to two years for committing fraud.

The amnesty, from January 2nd to January 31st, means that tenants who are carrying out the illegal activity can hand back their keys with no questions asked.

However, from February 1st, the council is warning tenancy cheats that they will actively seek them out and will prosecute.

Latest figures show that there are 723 households in East Devon with a high need waiting for affordable social housing.

The council suspects that some of its properties are being illegally sub-let by dishonest tenants who are profiting by charging a higher rent to a subtenant.

From February 1st, the council will start to target the cheats using a variety of data matching tools which use credit reference information.

Cllr Jill Elson, EDDC's portfolio holder for sustainable homes and communities, said: "The vast majority of our tenants are living in their homes legally and they have nothing to worry about.

"However, nationally we are aware that tenants do sublet council houses and we want to make sure this isn't happening in East Devon.

"Our message is clear: if you are an illegal tenant (someone who sublets their council property), then we are giving you a month's grace to hand back your keys and give up your tenancy and no further action will be taken. However, from February 1st, if you are found to be illegally occupying your home, you risk a criminal conviction, unlawful profit orders and, of course, the loss of your council house."

Cllr Pauline Stott, chairman of East Devon District Council's Housing Review Board, added: "The council is determined that its limited number of affordable homes are occupied legally by honest tenants.

"If you are committing tenancy fraud, this is your opportunity to do the right thing and hand back the key. When you return the key, no questions will be asked."

To find out how to hand back the key, call the 24-hour helpline number, which is 01395 571 657 or email handbackthekey@eastdevon.gov.uk

There is further information on the council's website at www.eastdevon.gov.uk

Push to reduce plastic bottles

COMMUNITY minded businesses in Devon, such as cafes and shops, are being encouraged to join a growing movement to help the environment.

The concept is to simply reduce the number of plastic bottles being thrown away by inviting people to re-fill their water bottles with tap water for free.

A spokesperson for Devon County Council, who are promoting the initiative, said: "It's a win-win: good for the environment; good for people's health, to hydrate with water rather than sugary drinks; and good PR for the businesses and charities that open their doors to thirsty passers-by."

What began as a local campaign in Bude, now has attracted national appeal with a diverse range of businesses across UK towns and cities volunteering as Refill Stations.

Refill Devon, the county's campaign, began last year, and participants are steadily growing in numbers.

From cafes and restaurants to phone shops, garden centres and estate agents, the diversity of businesses taking part is broad as more outlets 'tap' in.

All the businesses need to do is display a round, blue 'Refill' sticker in their front window, and allow the public in to refill their plastic bottle.

There is also an app to support the campaign, to inform people of the location of participating businesses.

It's estimated that in the UK 800 plastic bottles per minute end up being disposed of as litter, and all too often make their way into our waterways and out to sea.

Devon County Council, South West Water and Beach Care, which is part of the Keep Britain Tidy campaign, are promoting and funding Refill Devon.

The council recently gave its commitment to support initiatives that aim to reduce use of single-use plastic bottles because of their damaging impact on the environment, specifically coastlines.

Councillor Andrea Davis, Devon County Council's Cabinet Member with responsibility for recycling, said: "It's a great campaign. We've been supporting Refill Devon for some time and I'm delighted by how welcomed it's been greeted by Devon businesses.

"So far we've got around 140 refill stations, but we're keen to see more, especially in areas where there are gaps.

"There are clear benefits for everyone, for the participating businesses as well as the public.

"And because it's free and so simple for participants to opt in, or opt out if it turns out not to be their thing, we're saying to businesses, just give it a go."

Armed police to be used in South West over festive period

ARMED police will help patrol key locations and events in Devon, Cornwall and Dorset over the festive period and the New Year.

Officers will be visibly carrying long-armed weapons and be supported by unarmed officers and the dog unit to offer further security and reassurance during this busy time of the year.

Head of Alliance Operations, Chief Superintendent Jim Nye, said: "I want to reassure the public there is no increase in the threat level, nor is this in reaction to any specific threat within Devon, Cornwall and Dorset.

"This decision is to help offer reassurance to the public, and to offer a highly-visible level of protection to our public.

"The festive period naturally leads to significant events and creates crowded places.

"These resources are now available to our commanders across the alliance area, and they will be used across locations at times, and during events where the local teams feel that this extra support could be beneficial.

"We have also made sure that our dog unit are available to help support our officers and to undertake checks of areas; during this busy time we can see people leaving bags unattended in public area's that could cause alarm.

"It is hoped that if this does happen, we have the ability to check these items are safe, quicker.

"Our message to the public is to go about their day as normal, enjoy the festive period and stay safe. If anyone sees anything suspicious then tell.

"You can approach these officers directly as they are her to protect and serve our communities, you can also contact us on 101 or 999 in a case of an emergency.

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British Legion to start monthly drop-in sessions in Axminster

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AXMINSTER is to get a monthly Royal British Legion (RBL) drop-in session for serving or ex-serving personnel and their families.

Also known as an outreach hub, it will allow direct access to RBL services providing lifelong care and support to all members of the British Armed Forces – past and present – and their families, giving them the opportunity to meet with a member of the operations team face to face.

The drop-in service will start in January and RBL advice and information officer for Devon & Cornwall, Debbie Lock, said: "These sessions will be operating once a month on the fourth Thursday of the month from Pippins Community Centre.

"Support provided includes benefit, debt and money advice if you are having trouble paying the bills.

"Our advisors have got the specialist knowledge to help you get back on your feet."

The drop-in sessions cover a wide range of help offered by the RBL including seaside breaks and family holidays, war pensions and Armed Forces Compensation Scheme advice.

Ms Lock said: "Handy Vans Service is there to help with all those odd jobs around the house from changing a light bulb, moving furniture to erecting sheds.

"The independent living advisor and our Immediate Needs Grants Scheme are there if you are going through a crisis and need help to meet sudden and unexpected expenses.

"We can't provide cash, but we can help pay for the services or equipment that are needed.

"This could actually be anything as long as there is a need and all the statutory services have been met.

"We also have an outreach worker who works with the extremely vulnerable helping them to engage with the right services available for them to get them back on the right track.

"CivvyStreet is also part of The Royal British Legion and they have hundreds of job vacancies as well as free online courses to help you improve your job prospects and help towards the cost of external courses.

"We also have our Poppy Factory, which is there to help those with a medical condition back into work.

"At the drop-in sessions I will take a basic needs assessment, like our advisors at the contact centre do, and start the process of getting the right help.

"We look at each case individually and the whole picture as to the reasons why they need help as, in most cases, what they first come to us for help with isn't actually the real problem.

"We work with someone for as long as it takes to get them back on their feet.

"We signpost to other services if we can't help."

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Roy takes the big plunge to celebrate his 80th birthday

AXMINSTER resident Roy Carnan made his maiden skydive to celebrate turning 80 years of age.

He heard about other people in the area who had recently skydived on their 80th birthday, so decided to do the same himself.

His 80th birthday was on September 11th but, because of a few practicalities, the actual skydive happened on November 24th.

Taking off from Dunkeswell, Mr Carnan, strapped to an instructor, took the plunge when the plane reached 15,000 feet.

The descent took about seven to eight minutes, and Mr Carnan summed it up by saying: "It was very exhilarating. A bit cold, though."

His adventure also raised about £150 for Devon Air Ambulance Trust, and Mr Carnan said: "It (the fundraising) was well worth it. You never know, you may need the air ambulance one day. I would like to thank the sponsors."

Donations were made by the staff / visitors / members of Axminster Arts Café, Axminster Conservative Club and Axminster Probus Club.

Mr Carnan is originally from London but moved to Axminster from Norfolk about ten years ago.

Roy back on solid ground

Roy Carnan in freefall

Bikers urged to sign up for road safety workshop

FIVE hundred motorcyclists have attended free biker workshops delivered by the Road Safety Team at Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service since 2015.

Each workshop is split into three sessions comprising of road traffic collision scene management, first aid and the science of being seen.

The sessions are designed with bikers in mind and tailored to deliver vital information, plus lifesaving skills in what to do at the scene of any road traffic collision.

The last session also helps to explain how motorcyclists can be more visible on the roads and explains that there is a science behind why people may look but don't always see a motorcyclist.

A spokesperson for the fire and rescue service said: "The team provides some insight into simple skills whilst riding to decrease risk and prevent collisions.

"The workshops are a national initiative started by Kent Fire & Rescue Service, with the scheme being adopted by many fire services across the country including Scotland and Wales.

"In 2016 there were 54 fatal road traffic collisions in Devon and Somerset with another 654 casualties sustaining serious injuries.

"A total of 169 of those killed or sustaining life changing injuries from these collisions were motorcyclists (motorcyclists only make up about one per cent of road users)."

The three hour workshops provide vital information to motorcyclists in how to manage a collision scene along with the necessary information the emergency services need to send out resources to any incident.

They provide first aid skills in catastrophic bleeding, CPR and helmet removal.

Held at local Community Fire Stations across Devon and Somerset with each attendee receiving a free first aid kit, especially designed for motorcyclists.

The workshops are co-funded and delivered in partnership by the service's partner agencies from Devon County Council and Somerset County Council road safety teams.

Laura Pratt, Road Safety Manager for Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service, said: "These free workshops are well attended, and the feedback to date has been really positive.

"It provides practical skills, knowledge, as well as enabling the fire service to help reduce collision risk and injury to this high risk group.

"The workshop helps to empower members of the public to intervene and provide life saving skills before the arrival of the emergency services, and gives them key understanding in the information required to keep themselves and others safe at any collision."

● The workshops are run throughout the year and start again in the spring of 2018.

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The road safety team

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Young Farmers' Club festive bingo this week

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There will be cash prizes to win, a raffle and a bonus round.

Club secretary Emily Gay said: "Also, we are doing our annual charity Boxing Day dip at Seaton seafront.

"This year we are doing it in aid of two charities, Exeter Leukaemia Fund and Papworth Hospital Charity.

"We will be running in the sea just after 11am, just after the hunt has left."

Arson guility plea

A FORMER Axminster resident has pleaded guilty to arson intending to destroy property, following a blaze on October 15th at The Recycling Shop in Market Square.

Darren Wood, 47, formerly of Bonners Drive, Axminster, and now of Durnford Street, Stonehouse, Plymouth, made the plea when appearing at Exeter Crown Court.

Fittings and goods were destroyed by the fire.

The case was adjourned to January 10th next year for a pre-sentence report.

Money stolen during Lyme Street break-in

MONEY was stolen when a home in Lyme Street, Axminster, was burgled.

Police were called at about 2am on Tuesday, December 12th, and a police spokesperson said: "Entry was gained through damaging a door and windows.

"Cash, around £400, is believed to have been taken. The offender or offenders made off. This incident is currently under investigation and enquiries continue."

Rotary Club of Axminster president Peter Creek presenting a cheque for £800 to Debbie Humberstone of The Project, with Grant Jones of Axminster Tools and Machinery

Ax-pedition raises £1,600 for charity

THE third Ax-pedition Charity Cycle Sportive raised £1,600 for charity, equally divided between The Alzheimer's Society and The Project in Axminster.

Ax-pedition was organised by the Rotary Club of Axminster, in association with Axminster Tools & Machinery, back in September.

Open to cyclists of all ages and abilities, the event took in roads and lanes of East Devon and West Dorset, giving a choice of the 'Ankle Grinder' (50 km) and the more gruelling 'Cyclone' course of 100 km.

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TALENTED individuals from three organisations teamed up to entertain with Christmas carols. The assembled choir was made up of members of Axminster Care Service, Axminster Hospital League of Friends and Membury Raucous Chorus. They performed at Silverleigh Care Home *(pictured)* in Axminster and also appeared at the town's hospital.

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Tickety-Boo recognised at tourism awards

OTTERY St Mary coffee shop and children's play kingdom, Tickety-Boo, collected its first ever gong at the Devon Tourism Awards.

The coffee shop received a bronze award, which means it is recognised as being in the top three café/tea rooms in the county, judged on such elements as inclusivity, customer service and sustainability including local sourcing. Part of the judging process was a mystery shopper who visited earlier in the year.

Tickety-Boo owner Stuart Phillips said: "It is the first time we have entered anything like this and we were bowled over to receive a bronze award.

"It is a huge accolade for our business and I'm very proud of the team for working so hard to make a success of Tickety-Boo.

"Everyone enjoyed the awards event at The Guildhall in Plymouth."

Seniors' Christmas lunch at the college

Senior citizens from Honiton enjoyed a Christmas meal at the college

AROUND 90 senior citizens enjoyed a Christmas meal provided by staff and students at Honiton Community College.

It was the fifth time that the event has been held.

Winnie Cameron of the Honiton Carers Support Group, who attended the event, said: "The students worked so hard to serve us all to perfection, supervised by Sue Smith from the college who did a fantastic job of keeping a great atmosphere going.

"We had wonderfully cooked food, flowing wine and entertainment by the students, which was just beautiful.

"Principal Glenn Smith can truly be proud of his students and staff alike, they all do him so very proud.

"A huge thank you also to the 19 generous businesses who donated a fantastic array of valuable raffle prizes to be won with much delight.

"There is a true community spirit here, where young students and Senior Citizens come together supporting one another, appreciating each others' company whilst having great fun."

Winnie Cameron would also like to thank Honiton & District Lions Club who sponsored Honiton Carers' Support Group this Christmas to enable their carers – and cared for – to have a well deserved Christmas tea at Otter Nurseries.

Ms Cameron added: "We are extremely grateful to the Lions for supporting us yet again this year."

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New look for Beer's festive celebration

THE Christmas season in the seaside village of Beer got off to a suitably festive start on December 8th with the annual village celebration given a new look for 2017, ***writes KEVIN FAHEY.***

The Mariners' Hall was handed over to the younger generation this year with a kids' disco – and a dads' dancing competition – while the popular craft fair was switched to St Michael's Church.

Appropriately, given the season of goodwill, Father Christmas dropped into the church to meet and greet his well-wishers and dispense wisdom and festive gifts.

Outdoors shoppers were entertained by a rousing singing of traditional carols and a performance by Honiton Town Band, who should be heartily commended for braving the bitterly cold conditions.

Inner warmth was provided by Mike Parker and his merry team upstairs in the Mariners' Hall bar while local chef Grant Cueto reported brisk business from his pig roast.

"It has been a good evening and it is great to see so many families and visitors out enjoying themselves despite the cold," said Mr Grant.

Warming refreshments in the church

Honiton Town Band put in a rousing performance

Grant Cueto's pig roast went down well

Scott Rowe

Buying the Perfect Christmas gift – What happens if it is not perfect?

IT'S that time of year again! Buying the perfect Christmas gift for friends and family seems to be at the top of most people's to-do list!

But what happens if the gift is not perfect? Or you find a gift that is even more perfect? What can you do then?

Buying items online is becoming more popular. But do you know your rights about buying items online? For example, did you know that you are able to return an item within 14 days of delivery without explanation? Once your item is returned the retailer must provide you with a refund within 14 days of receiving the returned item. You are also entitled for the basic cost of postage on the returned item, although it may be worth covering the difference with receipted delivery so you have proof of postage.

Unfortunately, this is not the case for items that have been bought in store and different shops have different return policies, which should be on the back of your receipt. Likewise, some items, including perishable or personalised items cannot be returned.

But what happens when you find that the gift that you bought is broken, or not what you had hoped it would be? You have the right to return an item that is not of satisfactory quality, not fit for purpose or not as described. If this is the case then you can return the item but you have to act fast, this only applies within the first 30 days since purchase (or delivery if you have bought it online). After this deadline, you have until 6 months since you bought the item for the retailer to attempt to repair or replace the item, if the problem still isn't fixed you are entitled to a full refund.

You can still get a repair or replacement on an item after 6 months, however, after this point the retailer is not obliged to provide you with a full refund if the item cannot be repaired or replaced. Plus after 6 months, you have to prove that fault was there when you purchased the gift.

You should also be aware that if you return an item that is faulty you are entitled to your refund in sterling as opposed to a gift voucher or credit note. You can also ask for a refund in sterling if you return an unwanted item, but there is no obligation for the retailer to do so if there is no fault with the item.

We hope that this has helped you with any present problems you may have over the Christmas period. Should you require further information on your Consumer Rights or any other legal issue then please feel free to come by one of the Scott Rowe Solicitors offices in Axminster, Chard and Lyme Regis and discuss your legal problems with one of our team.

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Lady Taverners celebrate Christmas in Axmouth

■ THE Lady Taverners' (Seaton area) Christmas lunch was held at The Harbour Inn, Axmouth, on December 4th.

Apart from Christmas, members also celebrated another successful year.

Nearly £450 was raised on the day, with the tombola and raffle proving to be as popular as ever.

Monies raised goes towards fun days and outings as well as specialist equipment for the youngsters supported by the Lady Taverners, the organisation's motto being 'Giving Young People a Sporting Chance'.

Guests enjoyed a great lunch at The Harbour and raised their glasses to toast the charity and the special children they support.

Christmastime at Pecorama

■ EXCITED youngsters have been stepping aboard the Santa Special at Pecorama in Beer this week. Families have been enjoying rides on the festive-themed Santa Special train, followed by a visit to Santa's grotto to meet Father Christmas himself, along with his elves and Rudolph. The Santa Special, which includes Christmas treats in the grotto, will continue to run until Thursday, December 21st and last minute tickets may still be available on the website at www.pecorama.co.uk

Seaton Probus members enjoy talk on the power of advertising

MEMBERS of Seaton Probus club were entertained by Bruce Upton, from Bridport Museum, at their recent meeting.

'The Power of Advertising' proved to be just what Bruce claimed for his talk: educational, instructive and amusing.

Accompanied by photos, this light-hearted talk covered more than a 100 years of advertising, and the audience was delighted by what they saw and heard.

Our next meeting will be on January 3rd when Derek Blunt will give a talk on 'The Theatre'.

Meetings are held at Marshlands Centre and start at 10.30am.

Members are retired men (or those approaching retirement) and we welcome enquiries from anyone who would like to join us.

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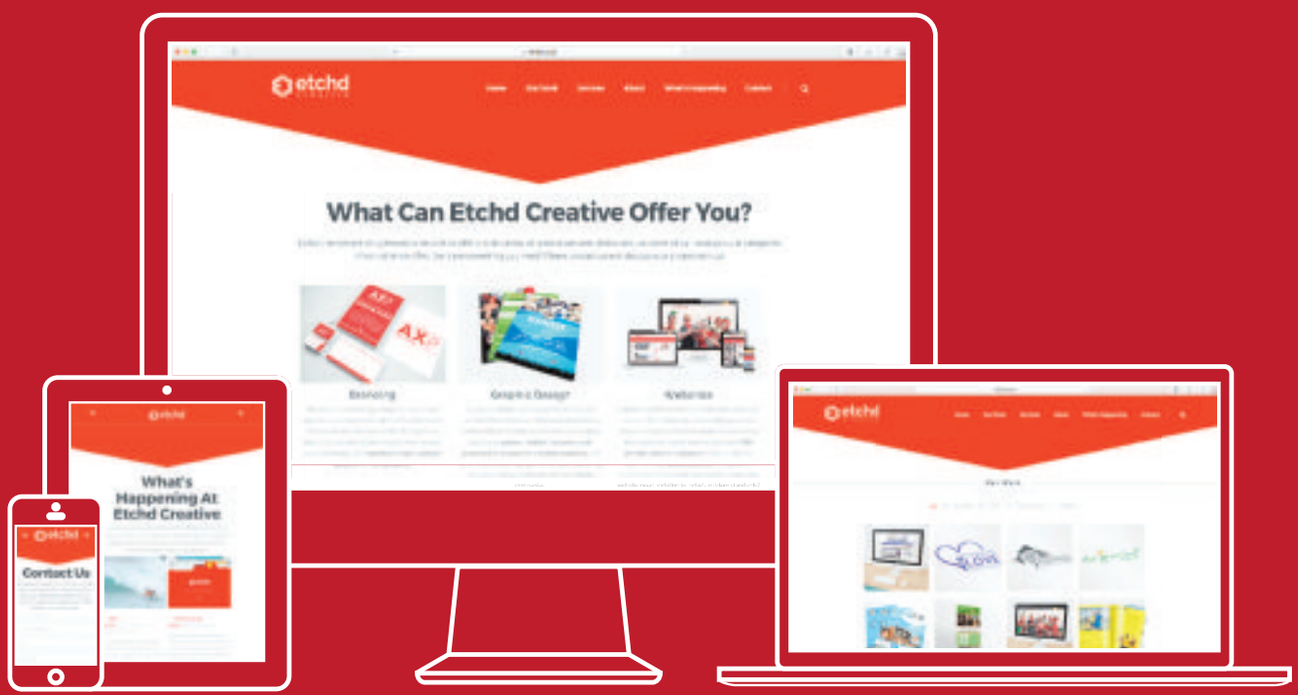

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Can you help trace tractor?

■ I WAS unsure who to contact but this incident has left my parents quite shaken up and out of pocket. They have been in touch with the police but they have been unable to help.

My parents were travelling back home to Kingsteignton on the Alfington Road around 3.30pm after a lovely day out at Otter Nurseries on Tuesday, November 21st.

A blue tractor came towards them at speed and scrapped the side of their red car and didn't stop.

There were a few eye witnesses, one went after the tractor but never came back, one lovely person gave their name and details and a white van driver said he couldn't stop as he had deliveries to do.

My parents' car has been made unroadworthy and is currently in a garage being repaired and advice so far has been in the region of £1,000.

Whilst they are insured, they are now left with the excess to pay and higher insurance costs next year.

If anyone has heard about or was around when this incident occurred, could they please contact me at dlbenney@ukhomemail.com

DEBORAH BENNEY, Honiton

Pub's decorations are no better than roundabout's

■ AFTER reading the bitter rant over Fisherman's Gap decorations, I walked round the complainant's premises to admire her decorative efforts.

There weren't any special lights or any attractive decorations come to that. She obviously expected the rest of the council taxpayers to provide these for her enjoyment.

At the same time, I see the state of her building fitted in perfectly with her reference to the state of the traffic roundabout (though, in fact, the roundabout was clean and tidy).

Strangely, I didn't see a mention of the lack of ANY decorations in Harbour Road or the Frydays' shopping area, which, at night-time, is probably more visited, during the winter, than the sea front.

STUART NISBET, Seaton

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Think about the turkeys this Christmas

■ CHRISTMAS will soon be here. TV and newspaper adverts tempt shoppers with mouthwatering pictures of that centrepiece on the Christmas dinner table – the turkey or chicken.

Supermarket 'bargain offers' are designed to be hard to resist.

But how many people are aware of the life that most of these creatures have had to endure for that oven-ready end-product to be so cheap?

Factory-farmed poultry (a secretive industry) involves many thousands of birds in hangar-sized 'sheds'.

Fattened artificially fast to keep costs down; not enough room to move about or flap their wings; legs becoming unable to bear their unnatural weight – to mention a few of the problems of this intensive production.

Most factory-farmed poultry never sees daylight or a blade of grass in its entire miserable life.

It is just a 'product'. So, when Christmas poultry is offered at a bargain price, the cost will have been borne by living creatures, the turkeys and chickens.

Compassion in World Farming works tirelessly to raise welfare standards for food animals, and their website ciwf.org will provide information for those who wish to know the facts behind the adverts and make an informed choice.

K. HACKMAN, Axminster

■ CONGRATULATIONS to all the staff and volunteers at the Beehive, Honiton, for winning the Devon Community Centre of the Year award for 2017.

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Well done to everyone. An award well deserved.

VERNON WHITLOCK, Honiton

Citizens Advice funding worries

■ I WAS very concerned at the BBC local news on December 9th saying that eight out of ten Cornish CABs are to be lost due to drastic cuts to their funding?

This, in the political current climate, is a disaster to people already suffering hardship.

Should it happen here, just as Universal Credit is being rolled out, the unthinkable hardship would mean a cruelly harsh reality for many, who then would issue food bank vouchers?

Time I feel for our councillors to be double checking with Devon County Council that Devon CAB funding is secure, as with the sudden loss of (beds at) Seaton Hospital seemingly catching everyone unaware until it was too late, I don't have much faith in this current government preoccupied and totally gridlocked with Brexit.

Their view will be well 'You voted for this; mayhem was what you wanted – what did you expect?'

In short it is becoming clear that there is a choice we can have Brexit or a welfare system/NHS but not both!

RICHARD 'NIBBY' DAVID, Seaton

Hospital in sorry state

■ YESTERDAY I had an appointment at Seaton Hospital.

As one of the many people who regularly helped to raise funds to sustain this essential building I felt devastated when I saw how sad and empty the building looks now.

What nonsense we are fed about the 'new' way forward which means we don't need a hospital (which in my experience was pretty full most of the time with people waiting to get in).

Common sense (if these people had any!) would mean keeping the hospital because it worked and then review the bits that don't work – and there's a lot there!

Lets hope those in power learn to truly understand what is needed and maybe take a pay cut or two so the money can go where it needs to.

MARIE DOWELL, Seaton

Bank closures are killing the high street as well as being an inconvenience

■ **AN OPEN LETTER TO RBS (concerning the closure of local branches of NatWest):** Thank you for your letter informing me of the closure of my local branch, where I make my monthly transactions.

The first line of your letter states you are making improvements for my convenience. Well, you are not.

Everyone I have spoken to has expressed grave disappointment that customers and staff have not been considered at all.

I am not expecting you to take any notice of this message – people don't count to organisations such as yours and therein lies the reason for so many problems in what used to be civilisation. VERY disappointed.

You have not considered the effect of such closures to smaller towns where you have the use of mostly impressive large buildings that will be hard to fill, adding to the death of the high street.

EVE EDMEADES, NatWest customer

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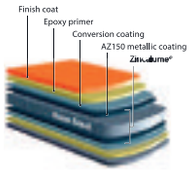

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Keep the children entertained for hours with a cryptic treasure hunt around the house! Be aware of the age range of the audience and adapt the clues to suit. If you have a wide age range, organise the children into mixed-age teams, each with an older child as a team leader. The clues should be Christmas themed and build towards an end prize. Elongate the fun by choosing an end prize that requires making or creating. For example, hide a loot-bag filled with make-your-own-snow-globes as the end gift. The children can then build their snow globes straight after as a new activity.

Keep them active

As the cold nights draw in, it can be hard to keep children active. This can be a double problem, as children will inevitably eat a lot more treats at this time of year. Overcome this by encouraging active games that the children can play together. If you're tight on space, choose a competition that can be completed as individuals, such as a Wii tournament to keep them excited, engaged and active. It's an oldie, but a goodie - a game of Twister is active, fun and can be enjoyed by everyone. Or better still, take the whole family on a scavenger-hunt-style nature walk. Select 10 items the children must find or see on the walk, ticking each item off as you go.

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Does winter make your Arthritis worse? Here's how to prevent joint pain flare-ups from cold weather this Christmas

WE'RE a nation that knows a thing or two about joint pain. With around 10 million people suffering with arthritis, which can range from mild to severe, it's one of the leading causes of disability in the UK.

But while the condition is fairly common, it is rarely understood. 'Arthritis' isn't just one single disease, but actually relates to 100 different types of joint pain, which can range from a dull ache to crippling agony - and the arrival of colder, wintry weather often causes symptoms to flare up.

Here, Dr Sarah Brewer, medical director at Healthspan (healthspan.co.uk), gives us the lowdown on managing arthritis in winter.

What exactly is arthritis?

"The word arthritis literally means inflammation of a joint," says Dr Brewer. "The most common type, osteoarthritis, involves degeneration of the articular cartilage protecting the bone ends within a joint."

Without cartilage protection, tendons and ligaments have to work harder, and severe loss of cartilage can lead to bone rubbing on bone, causing friction and eventual swelling and inflammation.

Arthritis can also rear its ugly head when parts of a joint are wrongly identified as a 'foreign' threat and are attacked by immune processes - which is the case with rheumatoid arthritis, an autoimmune disease - and people with fibromyalgia can also suffer with arthritis. While far more common in older age groups, anybody, even children, can get arthritis.

"Other forms of arthritis include gout," says Dr Brewer, "septic (infective arthritis), psoriatic arthritis (associated with psoriasis) and reactive arthritis, which is where antibodies formed against an infection start to attack the joints."

What are the symptoms?

The first sign of osteoarthritis is typically the worst one: Pain. In the early stages, this can feel like a dull ache or a burning sensation. Often, you'll feel the pain after you've used the affected joint a lot, for instance, if you've been driving a car or walking up a flight of stairs.

Osteoarthritis usually affects the larger, weight-bearing joints, such as hips, knees and the lower back, although the neck, fingers and toes may also be affected.

Rheumatoid arthritis is more likely to affect the whole body and is often associated with severe stiffness - it usually takes sufferers a long time to get their joints moving, especially in the morning - and the 'triggers' can be very different.

Arthritis inflammation is associated with swelling too, and can eventually lead to deformity and loss of joint function over time, says Dr Brewer.

Is arthritis really worse in winter?

"Cold weather appears to make arthritis pain worse for many people, although the reason is poorly understood," says Dr Brewer. "A small study involving 25 people with osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis found that 92% believed their symptoms were influenced by cold weather, and when their pain and stiffness scores were checked against meteorological data, there was a strong correlation.

"One possibility is that changes in musculoskeletal symptoms are related to falling vitamin D levels during winter," she adds. "Another factor could be that pain receptors become more sensitive when surrounding temperature receptors that detect cold become more active."

So, how can you manage winter flare-ups?

When it's cold outside, one of the best ways to keep joints happy is to cover them up - so make sure you're wearing thick layers and keep aching hands warm with gloves.

While it's tempting to reach for the medicine cabinet whenever you feel a twinge of pain (although it's always advisable to discuss your pain management needs with your GP or consultant, to ensure your symptoms are being managed in the best way possible for you), Dr Brewer says it might not necessarily be the best choice in the long run. "Oral painkillers, such as paracetamol and NSAIDs, are less used now because of [possible] long-term side effects," she says. "Topical creams and gels that sink in to provide pain relief exactly where it's needed are increasingly popular."

Swimming in a heated pool can also help to soothe painful joints, and you can also find quick and easy relief from taking warm baths, according to The Arthritis Foundation. Relaxing in a steamy bubble bath just before bed can mean the difference between lying awake all night in pain or drifting off peacefully.

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HAZELWELL LODGE is an award-winning 35 bed specialist residential care home situated in the parish town of Ilminster in South West Somerset. Miss Edna Maxwin took over the running of the home in 1987, for the elderly & individual's with dementia. Her aim was to change people's perception of care homes & how people view their autumn years. Through her dedication & hard work we progressed on to specializing in the care of individuals living with dementia & associated mental health care needs. The operation of the home is designed to enable our residents to resume a much more desirable way of living that achieves their individual needs on a personal level through person centered care. We have created a homely environment which is safe & adaptable to the unique needs of each individual, this enables our residents to enjoy as much independence, mental & physical stimulation as possible. Miss Maxwin has been joined by her son Chris Ochoa in the ownership of the home. Claire Kingdon, who has over 20 years' experience in dementia care is the registered manager. With support & interaction from local authorities, NHS & Health-care professionals, it is clear to see that perceptions HAVE changed. Hazelwell Lodge holds an important & respected position in our local community.

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He also worked for the Chard company during the school holidays and on leaving school in 1979 he started an apprenticeship as a horticultural engineer with Norringtons in Chard where he worked until 1987 before joining M.S. Twose in Axminster.

When MST closed their Axminster branch in 1999, Phil decided to launch Axminster Garden Machinery, joining forces with Rodney Broom, who looks after the workshop.

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SPARKLING CRANBERRY WHITE CHOCOLATE CAKE

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INGREDIENTS

Sparkling Cranberries

- 150g fresh cranberries
- 310g sugar, divided
- 240ml water

Cranberry Cake

- 433g all purpose flour
- 414g sugar
- 2 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 340g salted butter, room temperature
- 3 eggs
- 2 tbsp vanilla extract
- 240ml sour cream
- 240ml milk
- 200g fresh cranberries

White Chocolate Icing

- 12 oz white chocolate chips
- 180ml heavy whipping cream

168g butter, room temperature
920-1035g powdered sugar

INSTRUCTIONS

Sparkling Cranberries

1. Bring 1 cup sugar and water to a simmer in a saucepan. Simmer until sugar is completely dissolved.
2. Pour simple syrup into a heatproof bowl and allow to cool for about 10 minutes.
3. Add cranberries and stir to coat.
4. Refrigerate cranberries in syrup overnight, stirred a couple times to coat with syrup.
5. Remove cranberries from syrup and roll in remaining 1/2 cup of sugar. You'll need to roll them a few times to get a couple layers of sugar on them.
6. Set cranberries aside to dry for a hour or so.

Cranberry Cake

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare three 8 inch cake pans with baking spray and parchment paper in the bottom of the pans.
2. Whisk together flour, sugar and baking powder in a large mixing bowl.
3. Add butter, eggs, vanilla extract, sour cream and milk and mix on medium speed just until smooth. Do not over mix.
4. Gently stir in cranberries.
5. Spread batter evenly between the three cake pan.
6. Bake 35-40 minutes, until a toothpick inserted comes out with a few crumbs.
7. Allow to cool for about 10 minutes, then remove to cooling rack to finish cooling.

White Chocolate Icing

1. Place white chocolate chips in a metal bowl.
2. Microwave heavy cream until it starts to boil. Remove from microwave and pour over chocolate chips.
3. Cover bowl with saran wrap for 5-7 minutes.
4. Whisk chocolate and cream until smooth.
5. Allow ganache to sit until mostly cool. It should be thick.
6. Beat the ganache with a mixer for about 2-3 minutes, until smooth and fluffy.
7. Add butter and beat until it is fully combined.
8. Slowly add powdered sugar and beat until it is fluffy and the right consistency. Add more cream if needed.

To put the cake together:

1. Remove cake domes from cakes with a large serrated knife.
2. Place first layer of cake on cake plate. Spread about icing on top in an even layer.
3. Add second layer of cake and add more icing on top in an even layer.
4. Add final layer of cake on top and ice the outside of the cake.
5. Top the cake with sparkling cranberries and add some around the edge, if desired.

NOTE: Most cakes are best if they are allowed to settle for at least 12-24 hours after icing. It allows to flavors to settle. This cake will stay moist for several days after being iced.

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CRANBERRY AND BRIE PUFF PASTRY WREATH

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Servings: 4 -6

INGREDIENTS

- 1 sheet puff pastry thawed
- 2-3 tablespoons cranberry sauce
- 200g Brie cheese sliced
- 2 tbsp pistachio nuts roughly chopped
- 1 egg beaten

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pre-heat the oven to 200ºC and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Roll the pastry out to around 5mm thick and cut a large circle out of the pastry.
3. Lay the pastry on the prepared baking sheet.
4. Mark a circle with a medium-sized bowl and with a sharp knife, cut 4 cuts into the center circle.
5. Spread the cranberry sauce around the center "star" then top with the Brie and pistachios.
6. Bring one point of the center star over the filling as well as bringing the outer edge of pastry inwards. Press the two together and continue until you have a wreath.
7. Brush with beaten egg then place in the oven and allow to bake for 15 minutes until golden brown and cooked through.
8. Remove from the oven, allow to rest for 5 minutes then slice and serve.

CHRISTMAS DAY PUNCH

By Nicky -www. kitchensanctuary.com
Servings: 18-20

INGREDIENTS

- 2 litres cranberry juice
- 700ml pomegranate juice
- 500ml clementine juice (use orange juice if you can't find clementine juice)
- Juice of 2 limes
- 3 limes, sliced
- 3 clementines, sliced
- 100g fresh or frozen cranberries
- Seeds from 1 pomegranate
- Ice
- 1 bottle of prosecco
- 300ml vodka
- Small bunch of mint leaves

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pour the cranberry juice, pomegranate juice, clementine juice and juice of 2 limes into a large punch bowl and stir. Add the lime slices, clementine slices, cranberries and pomegranate seeds. If you're making the punch ahead, you can cover and place the punch in the fridge at this point for 2-3 hours.

2. When ready to serve, add ice to the punch, then pour in the prosecco and vodka. Stir and sprinkle on fresh mint leaves.

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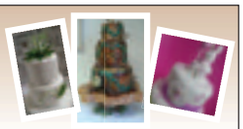
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Just for fun Answers below

FESTIVE MUSIC

1. Which girl band had 3 Christmas number 1's in a row in the 90s?

2. What is the English title of the carol "O Tannenbaum"?

3. Who wished it could be Christmas every day in 1973?

4. Which Christmas character was first introduced in a song by Gene Autry in 1949?

5. Which 10th Century Bohemian ruler gave his name to a carol traditionally sung on St Stephen's Day (December 26th)?

6. Which Bing Crosby song holds the record for best selling single of all time?

7. According to the song, what gift was given on the 7th day of Christmas?

FOOD AND DRINK

8. What fruit forms the basis for a Christingle?

9. American Bronze, Norfolk Black and Royal Palm are all breeds of what?

10. What name is given to the drink made from milk, eggs, sugar and distilled spirits?

11. Which relative of the cabbage is a traditional accompaniment to Christmas Dinner?

12. Prunes or dates wrapped in bacon are known as what?

13. What is eaten instead of turkey for Christmas dinner in Poland?

14. What fruit sauce is traditionally served with turkey at Christmas?

ENTERTAINMENT

15. Who wrote "The Snowman" which was turned into an animated film in 1982?

16. Which 1947 Christmas film stars Edmund Gwenn as Kris Kringle?

17. What is the name of the green monster that tries to ruin Christmas in a book by Dr Seuss?

18. What is the name given to the play traditionally performed by children at Christmas, telling the story of Jesus' birth?

19. Which Dickensian character has been played by Albert Finney, Michael Caine and Kelsey Grammar among many others?

20. Who played Buddy in the 2003 Christmas film, Elf?

21. Which play by Shakespeare takes place during the Christmas period?

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

22. In Austrian folklore, what is the name of the monster that punishes bad children at Christmas?

23. What country gifts the Trafalgar Square Christmas Tree to the UK every year?

24. Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar are the names given to which characters from the nativity?

25. At Christmas time, what activity traditionally takes place under sprigs of mistletoe?

26. Where does Father Christmas live?

27. What Christmas decoration was first invented in 1610, and was originally made of shredded silver?

28. What is the name of the Scottish celebration of New Year's Eve?

ANSWERS:

1. Spice Girls **2.** O. Christmas Tree **3.** Wizzard **4.** Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer **5.** Good King Wenceslas **6.** A White Christmas **7.** 7 Swans a-swimming **8.** An orange **9.** Turkey **10.** Eggnog **11.** Brussel Sprouts **12.** Devils on Horseback **13.** Fish **14.** Cranberry **15.** Raymond Briggs **16.** Miracle on 34th Street **17.** The Grinch **18.** Nativity **19.** Ebeneezer Scrooge **20.** Will Ferrell **21.** Twelfth Night **22.** Krampus **23.** Norway **24.** Three Wise Men **25.** Kissing **26.** The North Pole **27.** Tinsel **28.** Hogmanay

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FESTIVE Television and Christmas Movies

The Lego Movie
5.00pm Channel5 New Year's Eve

IF YOU are looking forward to snuggling up to the TV this Christmas, look no further than our Festive View for an extensive guide to all off your holiday viewing.

There are some real treats for you in store over the festive period, ranging from the usual classics, all-new comedy specials and lush new exclusive dramas to sink your teeth into.

The festive period is also a great time to settle down with the family and watch a movie, to make things easier for you, we have chosen five family favourites for you to enjoy as well as our top ten television picks over the holiday period.

TOP FIVE FAMILY FAVOURITES

Back to the Future - Boxing Day- Channel 4 - 6pm

An all-time sci-fi classic that made Michael J Fox a household name. The classic 'fish out of water' tale involves teenager Marty McFly as he attempts to return to back to present day after inadvertently being sent back to 1955 after activating a time-travelling Delorean!

The Lego Movie - New Year's Eve - Channel 5 - 5pm

Imaginative and smartly-written, the Lego Movie seems like a silly idea on paper but is sure to entertain the whole family. Featuring superb CGI animation, a fantastic voice cast and a whole host of your favourite characters, I can't think of too many films that boasts Gandalf, Batman, Han Solo and Abraham Lincoln sharing the screen together!

Toy Story 3 - Christmas Day - BBC 1 - 1.20pm

The third film of the franchise is arguably the best, mixing charm, laughs and heart-tugging drama. Now that Andy is grown up and heading for college, Woody and gang make a plan that will save them from being left in the attic.

Make sure you have your tissues at the ready!

Hugo - New Year's Day - Channel 4 - 1:10pm

Adapted from the beloved children's book, veteran director, Martin Scorsese, directs this hugely enjoyable family movie that will appeal to younger ages and adults alike. The Oscar-winning film features an all-star ensemble cast and a captivatingly magical story.

The Muppet Christmas Carol - Christmas Eve - Channel 4 - 6.30pm

How can you improve A Christmas Carol? By adding Muppets of course! Ever since its release in 1992, The Muppet Christmas Carol has earned its place as a definitive Christmas classic.

Serving as a great introduction to the Christmas fable to far younger children, all with be enthralled by the catchy songs and charming humour.

TOP TEN TO WATCH THIS CHRISTMAS

1. Doctor Who - Christmas Day - BBC1 - 5.30pm

For many people, Christmas just isn't Christmas without Doctor Who, this year is no different. This episode is teasingly named 'Twice Upon A Time' and true to that title, the current Doctor is joined by the first incarnation.

If you needed another reason to tune in, this will be the last episode to feature Peter Capaldi as The Doctor and will be our first glimpse of the new Doctor, Jodie Whittaker!

This year the special airs at the slightly earlier time of 5.30pm.

2. Christmas University Challenge - Christmas Eve - BBC 2 - 8pm

Famed for its tricky questions and know-it-all students that put Google to shame, what better programme is there to brush upon your general knowledge than University Challenge? This festive edition is sure to get your brain in gear after gorging yourself with treats.

Your 'Starter for Ten' begins at 8pm

3. Christmas TOTP 2 - Christmas Eve - BBC 2 - 11.55pm

Is it really Christmas if you haven't heard Last Christmas for the tenth time? Mark Radcliffe presents this festive clip show with a plethora of archive performances from all your Christmas favourites and a few surprises too. Expect the likes of Slade,

Hugo 1.10pm Channel4 New Year's Day

Doctor Who 5.30pm BBC1 Christmas Day

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We're Going on a Bear Hunt 7.00pm Channel4 Boxing Day

Wizzard, Paul McCartney. There's a bonus treat too with a rare footage of Kate Bush. Seeing you into the wee hours of Christmas morning, the programme starts at 11:55pm

4. Alan Partridge: Who, When, Where, How and When? - 27th December - BBC2 - 9pm

Before Alan Partridge returns triumphantly to our screen in 2018, this intimate retrospective explores the roots and cultural impact of Britain's favourite comedy character.

Featuring archive footage and interviews with cast and crew, this is required viewing for Partridge fans.

The programme starts at 9pm and, as Alan would say 'lovely stuff'.

5. The Miniaturist - Boxing Day - BBC 1 - 9pm

This two-part period drama, based on the best-selling debut novel by Jessie Burton, looks likely to be the must-watch drama of the Christmas period.

Set in 1686, the drama tells story of Nella Oortman, who after marrying a rich merchant, hopes for a better life but instead of prosperity, she finds her ideal life is not quite the one she dreamt about. Her trouble begins when she is gifted a miniature replica of her home, complete with figures of the occupants.

The first instalment airs 9pm on Boxing Day with the second released the following day at the same time.

6. Our Friend Victoria at Christmas - 23rd December - BBC 1 - 9.30pm

Victoria Wood was one of Britain's greatest comic talents, famed for her sharp wit, subtle observations and song writing talent, Wood has been sorely missed from our screens ever since she passed away in 2016.

This documentary looks back on her huge body of work, which encompassed television, films, and musicals. As the title suggests, we see Victoria's take on Christmas through her stand up and archive clips.

Tune in at 9.30pm and raise a glass to one of Britain's most underrated comic heroes.

7. Travel Man Christmas - Boxing Day - Channel 4 - 8pm

Beloved TV personality, Richard Ayoade, is joined by Mad Men star, Jon Hamm, for this Christmas Special edition of the hugely popular 'Travel Man' series. The unlikely pair will be heading off to Hong Kong. Expect some trademark Ayoade awkwardness and off-key observations, whilst taking in beautiful sights.

Travel Man Christmas airs Boxing Day at 8pm.

8. We're Going on A Bear Hunt - Boxing Day – Channel 4 - 7pm

Last year, the award-winning team that brought us The Snowman and the Snowdog, released their half-hour animation based on the beloved children's classic 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and illustrator, Helen Oxenbury.

Guaranteed to become a family favourite, We're Going on a Bear Hunt follows the adventures of siblings Stan, Katie, Rosie, Max, the Baby and Rufus the dog who all decide to go in search of bears.

9. Vic and Bob's Big Night Out - 29th December - BBC2 - 9pm

Surreal comedy pair, Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer return to the roots of the showbiz career in this special one-off edition of Vic and Bob's Big Night Out. The half-hour special consists of sketches, special celebrity guests, stunts and other silly business that you'd expect from TV's funniest double act.

Vic and Bob's Big Night Out will return for a full series in 2018 but the Christmas special should keep your comedy cravings satisfied until the New Year.

You can catch the pair on your screen at 9pm.

10. Jools' Annual Hootenanny - New Year's Eve - BBC2 - 11.20pm

Required viewing for most households in the United Kingdom, surely there is no better way to see in the New Year than with Jools Holland's Hootenanny on the telly with the volume cranked up. This year's line-up boasts a wealth of talent to suit all tastes: Ed Sheeran, Beth Ditto, Jazzie B, Soul II Soul, Jessie Ware and many more.

Gather friends and family round and tune in from 11.20pm

Words by George Kingsley

Our Friend Victoria at Christmas
9.30pm BBC1 23rd December

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FESTIVE Television

Christmas Eve

Monsters University ★★★★
2.20pm BBC1

The Great Gatsby ★★★
9.30pm BBC2

The Snowman and the Snowdog
5.55pm Channel4

Muppets Christmas Carrol ★★★★
6.30pm Channel4

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
With Roger Johnson. (S) (HD)
9.05am Planes
★★★ Animated adventure. A little crop-dusting plan dreams of taking part in a prestigious air race. (2013, U) (S) (W) (HD)
10.30am The Santa Clause
★★★ Fantasy. A divorced dad steps into Father Christmas's shoes after Santa falls from his roof. (1994, U) (S) (W) (HD)
12.00pm Life in the Snow
1.00pm BBC News/Weather
1.15pm Songs of Praise - The Big Sing 1/2
Katherine Jenkins and JB Gill present a carol concert from the Royal Albert Hall. More New Year's Eve 3.35pm. (S) (HD)
1.45pm Shaun the Sheep: The Farmer's Llamas
2.15pm Hammy's Boomerang Adventure
2.20pm Monsters University
★★★★ Prequel to Monsters, Inc, with the voices of Billy Crystal and John Goodman, telling the story of how Mike and Sully Met (2013, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
3.55pm Doodlebugs
4.10pm Home
★★★ Animated sci-fi adventure. An alien helps a teen find her mother - and save the world. (2014, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
5.35pm BBC News, Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)
6.00pm Countryfile
On a trip to Castleton in the Peak District, Matt Baker helps prepare for a carol concert in a famous cavern, while Anita Rani visits a farm that puts on its own Nativity. (S) (HD)
7.00pm Mary, Mel and Sue's Big Christmas Thank You
The former Great British Bake Off trio of Mary Berry, Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins reunite to organise a bash to remember for a Rhondda Valley community centre. (S) (AD) (HD)
8.00pm EastEnders
Lauren and Abi make their feelings clear to Max. (S) (AD) (HD)
8.30pm Michael McIntyre's Big Christmas Show
Michael is joined by Bill Bailey and Seal for a yuletide shindig, while Alesha Dixon hands over her phone for Celebrity Send to All and there's a surprising Unexpected Star of the Show. (S) (HD)
9.35pm Not Going Out Christmas Special
The True Meaning of Christmas. (S) (HD)
10.15pm BBC News/Weather
10.30pm The Vicar of Dibley
This Christmas Lunch Incident. (R) (S)
11.15pm The Two Ronnies Sketchbook
In a programme first shown in 2005, Messrs Barker and Corbett reunite to reflect on their long careers. (R) (S)
11.45pm Midnight Mass live from Leeds Cathedral

BBC2

6.15am Nature's Weirdest Events
7.00am An Island Parish Shetland
7.30am The Prince and Me
★★ Romantic Comedy. A hard-working undergraduate falls for a fellow student, unaware that he is the Crown Prince of Denmark. (2004, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
9.15am The Big Family Cooking Showdown
10.15am Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
11.45am Mary Berry's Absolute Christmas Favourites 2/2
Mini filo beef wellington canapés. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
12.20pm The Hairy Bikers Home for Christmas
With celebrity guests Denise Lewis, Alex Jones, jon Culshaw and the Rev Kate Bottley. (S) (HD)
1.20pm Alex Polizzi's Christmas Fix
2.20pm Cheetahs : Growing Up Fast
3.20pm Guys and Dolls
★★★★ Musical comedy. Slick gambler Sky Masterson accepts a $1,000 from hustler Nathan Detroit that means he must persuade a pious young missionary to go to Havana to have dinner - or else. (1995, U) (S) (W) (HD)
5.45pm Carols from King's
The traditional celebration from the chapel of King's College, Cambridge opens with a solo chorister singing Once in Royal David's City. Poems by Christina Rossetti and Christopher Pilling help to tell the story of the Nativity. (S) (HD)
7.00pm Dad's Army
Battle of the Giants. Mainwaring's men face the might of a rival platoon. (R) (S)
8.00pm Christmas University Challenge 1/10
Jeremy Paxman presents the festive version of the quiz show, with a host of famous faces taking part. Tonight, Rod Clements from the band Lindisfarne and actor Nick Mohammed join the Durham University team while comedian Katy Brand and writer Frank Cottrell-Boyce are on the Keble College, Oxford side. (S) (HD)
8.30pm Winter's Weirdest Events
9.30pm The Great Gatsby
★★★ Period romantic drama directed by Baz Luhrmann. New York, 1922: aspiring writer Nick Carraway moves to a tiny house on Long Island adjoining the ostentatious property of enigmatic tycoon Jay Gatsby. It's not long before Nick is invited to one of the millionaire's parties, where he becomes embroiled in a love triangle involving his cousin Daisy, her husband Tom and Gatsby himself. 2013, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
11.55pm Christmas TOTP2 Special

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6.00am CITV
9.25am Save Money : Good Food
9.55am Jack Frost
★★ Fantasy comedy drama starring Michael Keaton and Kelly Preston. A neglectful father returns from the dead as a snowman. (1998, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
11.50am Catchphrase Christmas Special
A festive edition with Katie Price, Warwick Davis and Christopher Biggins. (R) (S) (HD)
12.45pm ITV News /Weather
12.55pm Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
★★★★ A sinister message written in blood suggests Voldemort is back. (2002, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
4.00pm Cannonball Christmas Special
Host Andrew Flintoff plays Santa as contestants risk doing themselves a mischief in the hope that he'll make them a human cannonball. (S) (HD)
5.00pm You've Been Framed! Unwrapped
5.30pm Local News/Weather
5.35pm ITV News/Weather
5.50pm A Christmas Chase : Celebrity Special
Coronation Street's Patti Clare, comedian Matt Richardson, television journalist Kirsty Wark and singer Jimmy Osmond join forces to challenge quiz whizz the Chaser. Bradley Walsh presents. (S) (HD)
6.40pm All Star Musicals
Seven famous faces not too known for their musical abilities - Sir Tony Robinson, Denise Lewis, Nicky Campbell, Sally Phillips, Rebecca Front, Corrie's Lucy Fallon and Michael Parr from Emmerdale - compete to show who is best at belting out a showbiz standard. And what better place for the contest than before an audience at the London Palladium? Sir Michael Crawford co-hosts with Andrew Flintoff. (S) (HD)
8.30pm Maigret in Montmartre
When the unflappable French detective investigates the seemingly random murders of a countess and a showgirl, the trail leads him to the Grand Hotel in Nice. (S) (AD) (HD)
10.25pm ITV News/Weather
10.45pm A Night for the Emergency Services
Members of the emergency services show off some of their surprising performance skills. (S) (HD)
11.45pm Christmas Carols on ITV
Alfie Boe introduces a carol service from St Elisabeth's Church in Greater Manchester. With singers Nadine Cole, Alexander O'Neal and Howard Hewett, pianist Alexis Ffrench, and West End stars Ruthie Jenshall and Natasha Barnes. (S) (HD)

Channel4

5.40am The Little Penguin Pororo's Racing Adventure
★★ Animated adventure about a penguin that accidentally causes a plane crash. (2013, U) (S) (W) (HD)
7.00am Rugrats in Paris : The Movie
★★★ Animated comedy adventure. The lovable toddlers invade an amusement park while on holiday in France. (2000, U) (S) (W) (HD)
8.15am The Big Bang Theory
8.40am The Big Bang Theory
9.05am Jamie's Quick and Easy Food
9.40am Christmas Brunch
With guests Anton Du Beke, Danny Mac and Tom Fletcher. Plus music from Beverley Knight, Amber Riley and Cassidy Janson. (S) (HD)
12.40pm Paul Hollywood : A Baker's Life
1.10pm Jamie's Italian Christmas
2.10pm The Simpsons
3.35pm The Borrowers
★★★ Fantasy adventure, starring John Goodman, about a diminutive family living beneath the floorboards of an old house.
5.20pm The Snowman
Atmospheric, poignant animation, based on the Raymond Briggs book. (R) (S) (AD)
5.55pm The Snowman and the Snowdog
The boy makes a snowman and a snowdog that magically come to life. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
6.20pm Channel 4 News
6.30pm The Muppet Christmas Carol
★★★★ Comedy fantasy. The Inimitable puppets are joined by Michael Caine for their own special interpretation of the classic Dickens Christmas tale. (1992, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
8.00pm Child Genius vs Celebrity Christmas Special
Actor Rob Delaney, news presenter Cathy Newman, comic Dom Jolly and broadcaster Janet Street-Porter risk being left red-faced when they compete with four highly intelligent children. In a series of spelling, maths and general knowledge tests, with young Rhea, Christopher, Mog and Fabio put them to shame? Richard Osman asks the questions. (S) (AD) (HD)
9.00pm Gogglebox 2017
Leon and June, Giles and Mary, Ellie and Izzi, Mary and Marina, the Siddiquis and the Tappers are among the TV-loving households having their say on what's been on the box in this compendium of clips from last year. Were they in agreement about programmes including Strictly Come Dancing, The Crystal Maze, Doctor Foster, Mary Berry's Country House Secrets, Naked Attraction and Nigella: at my Table? (S) (AD) (HD)
11.05pm The Inbetweeners

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!
9.20am Gone with the Wind
★★★★★ Sweeping romantic drama set during the American Civil War, starring Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable (1939, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
1.35pm Oklahoma!
★★★★ Musical starring Gordon MacRae, Shirley Jones and Rod Steiger. When cowboy Curly fails to invite his girlfriend to a social dance, she agrees to accompany shady hired hand Jud instead. (1955, U) (S) (W) (HD)
4.15pm Scrooge
★★★★★ Charles Dickens's famous tale. On Christmas Eve, a tight-fisted man is visited by three ghosts who remind him if the true spirit of the season. (1951, U) (BW) (S) (W)
6.00pm Agatha Christie's Crooked House
★★ Mystery. A man returning to London from cairo investigates his fiancée's grandfather's poisoning. (2017, 12) (S) (W) (HD)
8.00pm New. The Yorkshire Vet
Peter Wright is called to an emergency at John Swale's farm, where one of his Limousin cows is struggling to give birth. (S) (HD)
9.00pm Andre Rieu - My Life in Music
A look at the career of the Dutch violinist, from his childhood in Maastricht to huge global success. (S) (HD)
10.20pm Andre Rieu : Christmas in London
The violinist and conductor captures the festive atmosphere of the capital with an evening or carols and seasonal classics. (S)
11.30pm An Audience with Donny and Marie
The double act sing together in the UK for the first time in more than two decades. (S) (HD)
12.45am Lip Sync Battle

Gone with the Wind
★★★★★
9.20am Channel5

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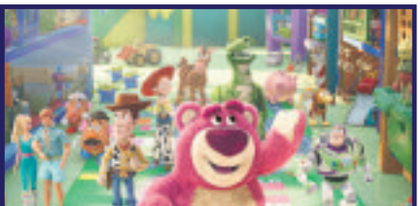

Toy Story 3 ★★★★★
1.20pm BBC1

Mrs Henderson Presents ★★★
11.05pm BBC2

The Holiday ★★
11.15pm ITV1

Home Alone ★★★★
5.50pm Channel4

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast With Steph McGovern. (S) (HD)
9.00am Cbeebies' The Snow Queen
9.45am Go Jetters
10.00am Christmas Morning from All Saints Fulham A family service of Holy Communion led by the Rev Canon Joe Hawes. (S) (HD)
11.00am The Madagascar Penguins in A Christmas Caper
11.10am Snow Chick : A Penguins Tale
12.10pm BBC News/Weather
12.20pm Top of the Pops Ferne Cotton and Clara Amfo host a celebration of the year in pop. (S) (HD)
1.20pm Toy Story 3
★★★★★ Animated adventure, with Tom Hanks's voice. The toys are donated to a kids' centre (2010, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
3.00pm The Queen's Christmas Broadcast Her Majesty's address to the nation and the Commonwealth. (S) (HD)
3.10pm Cinderella
★★★★ Live- action remake of Disney's animated fantasy starring Lily James, Cate Blanchett and Helena Bonham Carter. After the death of her father, young Ella is treated as a servant by her evil stepmother and wicked stepsisters. (2015, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
4.45pm The Highway Rat
5.15pm BBC News/Weather
5.30pm Doctor Who : Twice Upon a Time. A British Army captain is plucked from the First World War trenches in the final chapter of the 12th Doctor's story, in which he faces his past to decide his future. (S) (AD) (HD)
6.30pm Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special
Six stars from Strictly past - Katie Derham, Colin Jackson, Judy Murray, Robbie Savage, Jeremy Vine and Kimberley Walsh - take their partners to perform sparkling routines. (S) (AD) (HD)
7.40pm Call the Midwife Christmas Special
During the big freeze of 1963, Valerie's mettle is tested by a woman's complications. (S) (AD) (HD)
9.00pm EastEnders
Things are set to explode for Max as Stacey's phone is returned to her. (S) (AD) (HD)
10.00pm Mrs Brown's Boys
Mammy's Mummy. Rory is going under the knife and Grandad thinks the house is haunted. (S) (HD)
10.35pm 300 Years of French and Saunders
The comedy due reunite for a 30th-anniversary special comprising clips from years gone by as well as new material and previously unseen footage. (S) (AD) (HD)
11.25pm BBC News/Weather
11.40pm On Christmas Night
11.45pm Have I Got a Bit More 2017 News for You

BBC2

6.10am The Hairy Bikers Home for Christmas The duo create a host of seasonal dishes (R) (S) (HD)
7.10am An Island Parish Shetland
7.40am Bee Movie
★★★★ Animated comedy featuring the voices of Jerry Seinfeld and Renée Zellweger. A rebel bee sues humankind. (2007, U) (S) (W) (HD)
9.00am The Big Family Cooking Showdown
10.00am Harry Potter : A History of Magic
JK Rowling looks at the real-life counterparts to her creations. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
11.00am Carols from Kings
12.15pm The Importance of Being Earnest
★★★ Period comedy drama, starring Rupert Everett and Colin Firth. Landowner Jack Worthing invents a younger brother so her can escape his sober existence. (2002, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
1.45pm BBC Proms 2017 - Oklahoma!
A performance of Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic musical at the Royal Albert Hall. (S) (HD)
4.30pm Dame Vera Lynn : Happy 100th Birthday
5.30pm The Queen's Christmas Broadcast
Her Majesty's annual address. (S) (SL)
5.35pm The Morecambe and Wise Show 1977
6.45pm Winter's Weirdest Events
7.45pm Dad's Army
8.25pm Upstart Crow : A Christmas Crow
Will's latest play is due to be performed before the Queen - but does Eighth Night need a little more work? Emma Thompson quest-stars. (S) (AD) (HD)
9.00pm Tom Jones and Beverley Knight's Gospel Christmas
10.00pm Judi Dench : All the World's Her Stage
11.05pm Mrs Henderson Presents ★★★ Period drama, London,1937: recently widowed and wealthy eccentric Laura Henderson decides to stave off boredom by purchasing a rundown theatre. However, when profits start to dwindle, Mrs Henderson suggests they stage a popular feature from the Moulin Rouge in Paris: the nude revue. (2005, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
12.45am Film : My Week with Marilyn ★★★★ Drama based on a true story, starring Michelle Williams and Eddie Redmayne. In 1956, Hollywood sex symbol Marilyn Monroe arrives in Britain to co-star with Laurence Olivier in The Prince and the Showgirl. But as the behaviour of Monroe begins to drive Olivier to distraction, the actress is befriended by production runner Colin Clark and the two become unlikely confidants (2011, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

ITV1

6.00am CITV
9.25am National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
★★ Comedy with Chevy Chase and Beverly D'Angelo. The accident-prone Griswold family decides to spend a traditional Christmas at home. (1989, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
11.10am Mr Bean's Holiday
★★★ Rowan Atkinson's comic creation wins a trip to France. (2007, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
12.50pm Santa Claus
★★ Comedy starring Dudley Moore and John Lithgow. One of Santa's elves heads for New York to make a name for himself. (1985, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
3.00pm The Queen
The annual address. (S) (HD)
3.10pm Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
★★★★ With dangerous criminal Sirius Black on the run from Azkaban, Harry begins his third year at Hogwarts surrounded by heightened security. (2004, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
5.50pm Emmerdale Robert makes a significant decision and Aaron is distracted. (S) (AD) (HD)
6.50pm ITV News, Weather
7.00pm Paul O'Grady : For the Love of Dogs
Paul is on mission to give some of the residents of Battersea Dogs & Cats Home the best possible Christmas present: a new home. Among them is Bauble, a heavily pregnant stray.
8.00pm Coronation Street
Aiden casts a shadow over the Connor's Christmas. (S) (AD) (HD)
9.00pm Victoria Comfort and Joy. Victoria and Albert have very different expectations for their family Christmas, with the Queen melancholy and the prince full of enthusiasm - and the arrival of a African orphan sets them at loggerheads. (S) (AD) (HD)
11.00pm ITV News/Weather
11.15pm The Holiday
★★ Romantic comedy starring Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jude Law and Jack Black. Los Angeles workaholic Amanda trades homes with Surrey journalist Iris over Christmas - and romance unexpectedly finds them. (2006, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
1.45am The Dam Busters
★★★★★ Classic wartime drama, starring Richard Todd and Michael Redgrave, about the audacious RAF mission to destroy the Ruhr dams with "bouncing" bombs designed by aeronautical engineer Barnes Wallis. (1954, U) (BW) (S) (HD)

Channel4

6.00am Rugrats Go Wild
★★ Animation. Young Tommy Pickles's family vacation goes awry. (2003, U) (S) (W) (HD)
7.20am The Bear
7.45am Prep and Landing
8.20am Prep and Landing
8.40am Ice Age : A Mammoth Christmas
9.05am The Simpsons
11.05am Dr Seuss' The Lorax
★★★ Animation. Young Ted Wiggins must reverse the destructive work of a greedy businessman. (2012, U) (S) (W) (HD)
12.45pm The Snowman
1.20pm The Snowman and the Snowdog
1.55pm Father Christmas
2.25pm Channel 4 News
2.30pm The Alternative Christmas Message
Counterpoint to the Queen's broadcast. (S) (HD)
2.35pm Scrooged
★★★ Comedy starring Bill Murray, Karen Allen and featuring Robert Mitchum. TV network president Frank Cross is a man who hates Christmas and plans to exploit the holidays to attract as many viewers as possible. However, Frank is about to be visited by three ghosts who will make him change his ways. (1988, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
4.30pm Dumbo
★★★★★ Disney's animated classic. A stork delivers a baby to Mrs Jumbo, a circus elephant. Soon his enormous ear are revealed and Dumbo becomes the butt of jokes. But one day, with the help of circus mouse Timothy, he makes an amazing discovery. (1941, 12) (S) (HD)
5.50pm Home Alone
★★★★ Comedy starring Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern. Eight-year-old Kevin McCallister's wish to be free of his family is realised when they set off without him for a Christmas break in Paris. Suddenly, finding himself home alone, Kevin is left to deal with two inept criminals. (1990, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
7.40pm The Great Christmas Bake Off
Four contestants from previous series - Val, Selasi, Paul and Beca - return to the tent to do in festive-themed challenges. Judges Paul Hollywood and Prue Leith will decide which of them deserves the title of Christmas star baker. Hosts Sandi Toksvig and Noel Fielding offer encouragement. The Great Festive Bake Off, New Year's Day 7.40pm. (S) (AD) (HD)
9.00pm First Dates at Christmas
10.00pm Alan Carr's Christmas Chatty Man
12.00 midnight
George Michael - Freedom

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!
9.15am Scrooge
★★ Musical adaption of Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol starring Albert Finney, Alec Guinness, Edith Evans and Kenneth More. It's Christmas Eve, and miserly Ebenezer Scrooge dismisses the joy around him as "humbug". Can visits from a host Christmas spirits persuade him to change his ways? (1970, U) (S) (W) (HD)
11.20am Film : Seven Brides for Seven Brothers
★★★★★ Musical starring Howard Keel and Jane Powell. When a rancher brings his new wife home, she is horrified to find she has to look after his six unruly brothers. Eventually the boys realise that what they need are wives of their own. (1954, U) (S) (W)
1.20pm Singin' in the Rain
★★★★★ Classic musical starring Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds. Silent film stars Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont are the golden couple of 1920's Hollywood. However, when "talkies" become all the rage, prima donna Lina is shown up by the new technology and aspiring actress Kathy Selden is called in to dub her voice. (1952, U) (S) (W)
3.10pm Oliver!
★★★★ Oscar-winning film version of Lionel Bart's musical based on Oliver Twist. Escaping a life of workhouse servitude, Oliver tries to seek his fortune in London. But instead of gold-paved streets he finds the roguish Fagin and his crime school for boys. (1968, U) (S) (W)
6.05pm Elf - The Musical Live
A performance of the hit musical based on the Will Ferrell movie. Ben Forster, Liz McClarnon and Joe McGann star.
9.00pm The Morecambe and Wise Story : Look Back in Laughter
Family and friends share the story of how two working-class northern lads became one of the greatest comedy double acts ever to grace British TV. (S) (HD)
10.55pm Britain's Best Double Acts
Some of our favourite duos celebrate the season. Among them are Morecambe and Wise, the Two Ronnies and Ant and Dec. (S) (HD)
11.55pm Steptoe and Son
★★★ Comedy based on the TV series, starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett. (S) (W)

Oliver! ★★★★
3.10pm Channel5

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Boxing Day

Mary Poppins ★★★★★
3.45pm BBC1

Little Women
8.00pm BBC1

ET the Extra-Terrestial ★★★★★
3.30pm ITV1

Back to the Future ★★★★★
6.00pm Channel4

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
9.00am Tinker Bell and the Legend of Neverbeast
★★★ Animated fantasy. Tinker Bell's friend Fawn befriends a monster she claims is harmless. But the scout fairies are sceptical. (2014, U) (S) (W) (HD)
10.10am Planes : Fire and Rescue ★★★ Animated sequel. After a gearbox fault halts his racing career, Dusty joins a firefighting unit. (2014, U) (S) (W) (HD)
11.25am Mary, Mel and Sue's Big Christmas Thank You
12.25pm BBC Regional News and Weather
12.45pm Judi Dench : My Passion for Trees
1.45pm Stick Man
2.10pm Shaun the Sheep Movie ★★★★ Animated comedy adventure from Aardman. Shaun's plan for a lazy day backfires when The Farmer ends up lost in the city. (2015, U) (S) (W) (HD)
3.30pm Doodlebugs
3.45pm Mary Poppins
★★★★★ Disney musical comedy. London banker George Banks's search for a no-nonsense nanny to take care of his two naughty and unhappy children comes unstuck when the practically perfect Mary Poppins and her magic umbrella glide into their home. (1964, U) (S) (W) (HD)
6.00pm BBC Regional News/Weather
6.30pm Snow Bears
The story of two polar bear cubs as they embark on a treacherous 400-mile journey from their birth den in Svalbard to the Seal-rich pack ice surrounding the North Pol. (S) (AD) (HD) (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
7.30pm EastEnders
Life for the Brannings will never be the same again. (S) (AD) (HD)
8.00pm Little Women
New series 1/3. Call the Midwife creator Heidi Thomas's new adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's novel, which follows the stories of the four sisters - Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy - on their journey from childhood to adulthood under the guidance of their mother. Continues tomorrow 8pm. (S) (AD) (HD)
9.00pm The Miniaturist
1/2 Dramatisation of Jessie Burton's bestselling novel. It's 1686 and 18-year-old Nella Oortman is about to begin a new life as the wife of wealthy Amsterdam merchant Johannes Brandt. Her wedding present - a doll's house replica of their home - is to be furnished by a mysterious miniaturist whose tiny creations appear to be predicting a disturbing future for them all. Continues tomorrow 9pm. (S) (AD) (HD)
10.30pm BBC News/Weather
10.45pm Match of the Day
12.15am Stacey Dooley in the USA

BBC2

6.15am Celebrity Antiques Road Trip
7.15am An Island Parish Shetland
7.45am Chimpanzee
★★★ Disney wildfire documentary narrated by Tim Allen. (2012, U) (S) (W) (HD)
8.55am The Big Family Cooking Showdown
9.55am Nadiya's British Food Adventure
10.25am Nadiya's British Food Adventure
10.55am The Sweetmakers : A Tudor Treat
11.55am A Hard Day's Night
★★★★★ Musical comedy starring the Beatles in their movie debut. John, Paul, George and Ringo set off for London. (1964, U) (BW) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
1.20pm The Eagle Has Landed
★★★ Second World War adventure starring Michael Caine, Donald Sutherland and Robert Duvall. A plot is afoot to kidnap prime minister Winston Churchill. (1976, 15) (S) (AD) (HD)
3.30pm The Repair Shop at Christmas
4.30pm Final Score
5.35pm Matthew Bourne's Cinderella
The celebrated adaptation of the classical ballet, set in London during the Second World War, tells the story of a chance meeting between Cinderella and a dashing young RAF pilot, who fall in love before being parted by the horrors of the Blitz.
7.30pm Christmas University Challenge
8.00pm Reindeer Family and Me
Wildlife cameraman Gordon Buchanan travels to Finnish Lapland, deep inside the Arctic Circle, to meet the ancient Sami people and the animals they hold so close - reindeer. Living with a Sami family, Gordon works to earn the trust of his own reindeer, before setting out with it into the frozen wilderness to witness the natural phenomenon the Sami most revere, the northern lights. (S) (AD) (HD)
9.00pm Dragons' Den
10.00pm QI
Jason Manford, Romesh Ranganathan, Holly Walsh and Alan Davies join host Sandi Toksvig for the festive edition. Among the indispensable stocking-fillers of seasonal knowledge are the final word on the way to wrap an awkwardly shaped present and how to get those wine stains out of your carpets. (S) (HD)
10.30pm Two Doors Down Christmas Special
In this festive edition of the surburban sitcom set in Glasgow, Beth and Eric's plans for a quiet Christmas are scuppered when all the neighbours descend on them, expecting a good spread. (S) (AD) (HD)
11.00pm Joanna and Jennifer: Absolutely Champers

ITV1

6.00am CITV
9.25am Ferris Beuller's Day Off
★★★★ Matthew Broderick plays truant in Chicago in this John Hughes comedy. (1986, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
11.25am Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore
★★★ Part-animated fantasy. A crazed feline prompts cats and dogs to join forces for the first time in history. (2010, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
1.00pm ITV Racing Live from Kempton Park
3.30pm E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial
★★★★★ Classic sci-fi adventure. Ten-year-old Elliott has a new friends, but he's from another planet and nobody must know he's here. (1982, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
5.50pm ITV News/Weather
6.10pm Emmerdale
Gerry has a hangover after Christmas with the Dingles. Aaron admits his self-harming to Alex. (S) (AD) (HD)
6.40pm Jurassic World
★★★★ Sci-fi adventure. Over 20 years after the disaster at Jurassic Park, a new attraction is opened on the same site. This time the big draw is the Indominus rex, a beast genetically created by scientists. But is a more intelligent dinosaur really a good idea? (2015, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
9.00pm Coronation Street
Bethany grants Craig's Christmas wish and Carla laps up the local gossip. (S) (AD) (HD)
10.00pm ITV News/Weather
10.15pm Birds of a Feather
The House for the Rising Sons. The comedy returns for a Christmas special. Sharon tries a novel approach to Christmas shopping, Dorien has a mystery to solve, and Tracey's plans look set to shatter festive harmony in the house. (S) (AD) (HD)
11.15pm The Keith and Paddy Picture Show
Hollywood films are subjected to a Keith Lemon and Paddy McGuinness rehash. Helping the duo to make a half-hour version of Ghost Busters are Robbie Williams. Sarah Parish, Emily Atack, Will Mellor, Emma Willis, Chris Kamara, Gary Wilmot, Vicki Michelle and Bob Carolgees. (R) (S) (HD)
11.45pm Al Murray's Make Christmas Great Again
Al Murray's comedy alter ego, the Pub Landlord, makes it his mission to warm us all up for the holiday. The Guv plays master of ceremonies for some seasonal games and singalongs, with his house band, the Remoans, providing the backing. (S) (HD)
12.45pm Jackpot247

Channel4

5.20am Moomins on the Riviera ★★★ Animated comedy. (2014, U) (S) (W) (HD)
6.40am Song of the Sea
★★★★ Animated fantasy. A boy and his sister embark on an adventure. (2014, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
8.25am Short Circuit
★★★ Fantasy comedy starring Ally Sheedy and Steve Guttenberg. A cute government robot springs to life and goes AWOL. (1986, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
10.25am The Simpsons
12.10pm Alvin and the Chipmunks : The Squeakquel
★★★ Part-animated adventure starring Justin Long and Jason Lee. New musical rivals emerge. (2009, U) (S) (W) (HD)
1.55pm Channel 4 News
2.00pm Child Genius vs Celebrity Christmas Special
A test of knowledge presented by Richard Osman. (S) (AD) (HD)
3.05pm The Great Christmas Bake Off
1/2. Four contestants from previous series return to do battle. (S) (AD) (HD)
4.20pm The Little Mermaid
★★★★★ Animated musical adventure based on a story by Hans Christian Andersen. A plucky mermaid makes a deal with a devious sea witch to help her meet her prince. (1989, U) (S) (W) (HD)
6.00pm Back to the Future
★★★★★ Time-travel comedy adventure. High-school student Marty McFly thinks his future is ahead of him, until the day he tries out Dr Emmett Brown's modified DeLorean car and travels back in time. Stranded in 1955, <arty meets his parents and unwittingly changes their destiny. Can he put things right? (1985, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
8.00pm Travel Man
9.00pm The Big Fat Quiz of the Year
Jimmy Carr tests a panel of famous faces, including Richard Ayoade, Noel Fielding, David Mitchell, Katherine Ryan, Roisin Conaty and Big Narstie, to see how closely they've been paying attention to the events of the past year. A host of celebrity question-setters, including Charles Dance and Joh Snow, also help to test the nations on 2017's most memorable moments. (S) (HD)
11.10pm Four Weddings and a Funeral
★★★★★ Comedy. Together with a group of his friends, 30-something Charles is regularly invited to weddings, but he wonders if he will ever be ready to tie the knot. Then, at a country marriage, he meets the beautiful but elusive Carrie, who seduces him, the returns to America the following day. (1994, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
1.20am The Inbetweeners

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!
9.15am Access
9.25am Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud
10.00am Titanic
★★★ Historical disaster drama staring Clifton Webb, Barbara Stanwyck, and Robert Wagner. Julia Sturges heads for America with her two children on the maiden voyage of the Titanic. (1953, PG) (BW) (S) (W) (HD)
11.50pm Chariots of Fire
★★★★★ Sorts drama based on a true story, starring Ben Cross, Ian Charleson and Nigel Havers. Two British athletes aim for glory in the 1924 Paris Olympics. (1981, PG) (S) (W)
2.10pm Balmoral : A Hidden History
The History of the Queen's favourite home and a look at its 21st-century future. (S) (HD)
4.10pm Sandringham : The Queen at Christmas
As the Royal family get ready to welcome family members new and old, we find out hoe they spend Christmas Eve. (S) (HD)
5.15pm A Royal Night Out
★★★ Comedy drama. As the country celebrates VE Day, princesses Elizabeth and Margaret leave Buckingham Palace to join the merriment. (2015, 12) (S) (W) (HD)
7.00pm Strictly Come Dancing Story : Fake Tan, Tangos and a 10 from Len
How quaint ballroom dancing show Come Dancing was transformed into a huge celebrity-driven Saturday night TV fixture. (S) (HD)
8.30pm Dirty Dancing : Making the Movie Magic
A celebratory look at the hugely popular 1980s dance movie, which follows. (S) (HD)
10.00pm Dirty Dancing
★★★★ Romantic drama. Teenager Frances "Baby" Houseman arrives at a resort hotel with her family in the summer of 1963, where she meets dance instructor Johnny Castle. (1987, 12) (S) (W) (HD)
12.00pm Football on 5 : The Championship
12.55am Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights

Dirty Dancing
★★★★
10.00pm Channel5

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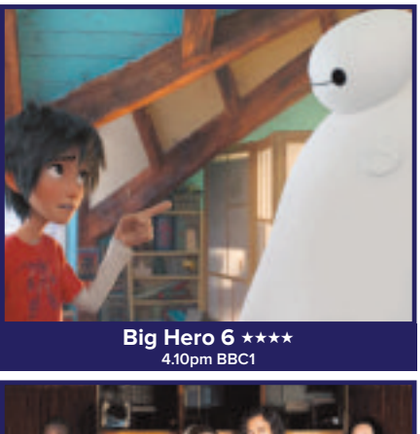

Big Hero 6 ★★★★
4.10pm BBC1

The Miniaturist
9.00pm BBC1

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
★★★★ 8.00pm ITV1

East is East ★★★★
11.05pm Channel4

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
With Tine Daheley. (S) (HD)
7.45am Match of the Day
9.15am Turbo
★★★★ Animated comedy adventure. A humble snail becomes turbo-charged after a freak accident. (2013, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
10.45am The Princess and the Frog
★★★ Animated fantasy. In Jazz Age New Orleans, a waitress and a prince try to break a witch doctor's spell that turned them into frogs. (2009, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
12.15pm Snow Bears
1.15pm BBC Regional News/Weather
1.35pm Father Brown 2/10
2.20pm Shrek 2
★★★★ Sequel to the animated comedy. Princess Fiona's parents take drastic action against Shrek. (2004, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
3.45pm The Gruffalo
A mouse invents a monster to overcome predators in this adaptation of Julian Donaldson's book. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
4.10pm Big Hero 6
★★★★ Oscar winning animated action adventure. Street robot building Hiro thinks his new microbot will help him get into university, but an accident leads to him having to battle a villain. (2014, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
5.45pm Pointless
6.30pm BBC Regional News/Weather
7.00pm Celebrity Mastermind
New series. 1/10. Poet Pam Ayres, Call the Midwife actor Jack Ashton, comedian Rich Hall and Match of the Day commentator Guy Mowbray face John Humphrys's questions. (S) (HD)
7.30pm A Question of Sport
8.00pm Little Women
2/3. Beth falls dangerously ill, and with Marmee away from home keeping vigil by her husbands sick bed, the March sisters are faced with an insurmountable challenge. There is a moment of joy, though, when Jo receives some news about her writing. (S) (AD) (HD)
9.00pm The Miniaturist
2/2 The miniatures and their messages keep coming, and it's clear there are shocking secrets still to surface. As Nella desperately tries to turn around the fortunes of the Brandt household, she fears her fate may be predestined. (S) (AD) (HD)
10.00pm BBC Regional News/Weather
10.30pm Mrs Brown's Boys
Mammy's Mammy's. Rory is going under the knife and Grandad thinks the house is haunted. (S) (HD)
11.00pm Not Going Out Christmas Special
11.40pm Comic Relief Report 2017 'Twas the Thanks After Red Nose Day

BBC2

6.25am Mary Berry's Country House Secrets
7.25am An Island Parish Shetland
7.55am Bears
★★★★ Wildlife documentary narrated by John C Reilly. Young Alaskan bear cubs learn what life's all about. (2014, U) (S) (W) (HD)
9.10am The Big Family Cooking Showdown
10.10am Nadiya's British Food Adventure
11.10am The Sweet Makers : A Georgian Treat
12.10pm The Red Shoes
★★★★★ Classic ballet drama starring anton Walbrook and Moira Shearer. An impresario enlists a promising dancer. (1948, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
2.20pm World's Most Extraordinary Homes
3.20pm Inside the Factory
4.20pm The Man Who Never Was ★★★ Second World War spy drama. Spring, 1943: Lieutenant Commander Montagu proposes a daring plan. (1955, U) (S) (W) (HD)
6.00pm Thailand : Earth's Tropical Paradise
7.00pm Dad's Army
7.30pm Christmas University Challenge
8.00pm Six Robots and Us
1/2. A unique experiment exploring what happens when families welcome robots into their homes. Tonight, single mum Amanda from Blackburn meets the TutorBot, who will help her son Isaac improve his speech. In Plymouth, the FitBot aims to keep the Rocket family in shape. Experts from four universities watch the robots' every move to assess whether they can make a difference to our lives - not in some science-fiction future, but right now Concludes tomorrow 8.30pm. (S) (AD) (HD)
9.00pm Alan Partridge : Why, When, Where, How and Whom?
Ahead on Alans' long-awaited return to the BBC next year, this documentary celebrates 25 years of actor and comedian Steve Coogan's comic creation. Alan Partridge first hit the airwaves as a sports presenter in Radio 4's spoof current affairs programme On the Hour. He moved onto television success in The Day Today before hosting his own series Knowing Me, Knowing You and starring in the sitcom I'm Alan Partridge. Laughs aplenty are guaranteed, as tonight's tribute offers the opportunity to view previously unseen footage from improv sessions, plus snippets from rehearsals and outtakes. Featuring contributions from Coogan himself. (S) (AD) (HD)
10.00pm Oasis : Supersonic Premiere
11.55pm NFL This Week
12.45am Britpop at the BBC

ITV1

6.00am CITV
7.25am K-9
★★ Crime comedy. Crazy cop Top Dooley is partnered with Jerry Lee, a highly trained dog. (1988, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
9.25am Twins
★★★★ Buddy comedy starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito. Gentle giant Julius Benedict seeks his twin. (1989, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
11.25am Cannonball Christmas Special
Water-based obstacle course challenge. (S) (HD)
12.25pm You've Been Framed!
12.55pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.00pm Midsomer Murders
A man is stabbed to death during a ghost-hunting part. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
3.00pm Tenable
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase
Quiz presented by Bradley Walsh. (R) (S) (HD)
6.00pm Paul O'Grady : For the Love of Dogs
The comedian meets a British bulldog suffering from a mysterious problem with its hind legs. (R) (S) (HD)
6.30pm Local News/Weather
6.45pm ITV News/Weather
7.00pm Emmerdale
Zak enlists Faith's help in faking some paperwork. (S) (AD) (HD)
7.30pm Coronation Street
Eileen tries to find out more about Billy's fall. (S) (AD) (HD)
8.00pm Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
★★★★ It's Harry's fourth year at Hogwarts and difficult times lie ahead. He's forced to risk his life after being mysteriously entered into the Triwizard Tournament. But when tragedy strikes, Harry fears the worst. Could evil Lord Voldemort really have returned? (2005, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
10.50pm ITV News/Weather
11.05pm Tina & Bobby
1/3. A dramatisation of the heartaches shared in secret by Bobby Moore and his wife Tina Dean. When the couple meet in the 1950s, it's love at first sight. But will their love stay strong under immense pressures? Continues nightly. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
12.05am Get Shirty

Twins ★★★★
9.25am ITV1

Channel4

6.40am Short Circuit 2
★★ Fantasy comedy. Robotics engineer Ben Jahrvi sets up a toy factory. (1988, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
8.40am Lego Masters
9.40am The Simpsons
11.05am Small Soldiers
★★★ Fantasy action adventure starring Kirsten Dunst. A toy designer installs military microchips into a line of action figures. (1998, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
1.15pm Sunshine on Leith
★★★★ Musical, with the songs off the Proclaimers, about soldiers returning from Afghanistan. (2013, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
3.10pm Four Rooms with Sarah Beeny
4.15pm Channel 4 News
4.30pm Back to the Future Part II
★★★ Time-travelling comedy adventure. Barely back to 1985 after his original jaunt, Marty McFly is whisked forward to 2015 by "Doc" Brown. Marty's missions this time is to prevent a crime involving his teenage son. (1989, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
6.30pm Hollyoaks
Scott is worried about losing Damon. (S) (AD) (HD)
7.00pm The Supervet at Christmas
Professor Noel Fitzpatrick enters new surgical territory as he treats a Humboldt penguin from Longleat Safari Park with a food problem. (S) (AD) (HD)
8.00pm Supershoppers
With almost constant promotions and sales on the high street, are there any true bargains left? Anna Richardson and Sabrina Grant scrutinise big-name retailers and discover their slashed prices may not be all they seem. Is there really any difference between pricey high-street cashmere jumpers and supermarket sweaters at half the price? (S) (HD)
9.00pm Miranda Does Christmas
Miranda Hart invites David Tennant, Sam Smith and Prue Leith to help her put the fun back into Christmas. To raise our seasonal spirits, Miranda goes carol singing, hits the streets to spread joy among jaded Christmas shoppers and rewards the good deeds of some unsuspecting audience members. (S) (AD) (HD)
10.00pm First Dates at Christmas
11.05pm East is East
★★★★ Comedy drama. A traditional Pakistani father attempts to impose arranged marriages on his children. This being the 1970s, however, they have very different ideas, and rebellion and mayhem ensue. (1999, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
12.50am Very British Problems at Christmas
1.50am That's So Last Century

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!
9.15am Cruising with Jane McDonald
9.30am World's Strongest Man 2017
10.30am North Sea Hijack
★★ Action adventure starring Roger Moore, James Mason and Anthony Perkins. A gang of ruthless hijackers mounts a daring plot to destroy a mammoth North Sea oil rig. (1979, 15) (S) (W)
12.25pm Operation Crossbow
★★★ Second World War drama starring George Peppard and Sophia Loren. A small group of agents is sent on a vital mission to destroy a Nazi weapons base in Holland. English, German +subtitles. (1965, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
2.40pm Operation Daybreak
★★★ Second World War thriller starring Timothy Bottoms, Martin Shaw and Joss Ackland. Three exiled Czechs embark on a mission to assassinate a Nazi. (1975, 15) (S) (W)
4.55pm The Guns of Navarone
★★★★ Classic Second World War adventure, based on Alistair MacLean's bestseller. Buried deep in the side of a cliff and impregnable to assault by plane or ship, the German guns on the Greek island of Navarone must be destroyed if the lives of two thousand British soldiers are to be saved. (1961, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
8.00pm World's Strongest Man 2017
James Richardson introduces action from the strongman contest, with Colin Bryce and Danny Wallace providing the commentary. The final can be seen at 6.30pm on New Year's Day. (S) (HD)
9.00pm Most Shocking Celebrity Moments 2017
12.00 Blind Date Christmas Special

The Guns of Navarone
★★★★
4.55pm Channel5

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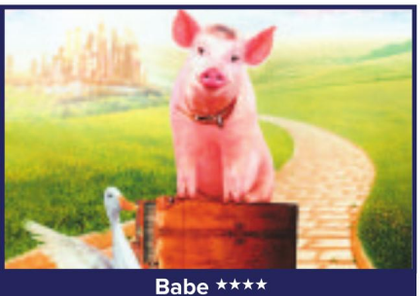
Thursday 28th December

Kung Fu Panda ★★★
10.20am BBC1

How to Train Your Dragon 2 ★★★★
4.10pm BBC1



Babe ★★★★
9.25am ITV1

About a Boy ★★★★
11.05pm Channel4

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
9.00am The Pirates! In an Adventure with Scientists!
10.20am Kung Fu Panda
★★★ Animated adventure. Po the Panda dreams of becomng a kung fu master – despite the fact he is clumsy and a complete beginner at martial arts. (2008, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
11.45am Bargain Hunt
12.45pm BBC Regional News/Weather
1.05pm Father Brown
1.50pm Revolting Rhymes
2.20pm Shrek the Third
★★★ Animated fantasy. When his father-in-law becomes ill, Shrek is expected to become the next ruler of Far Far Away. (2007, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
3.45pm The Gruffalo's Child
4.10pm How to Train Your Dragon 2
★★★★ Animated adventure featuring the voices of Jay Baruchel, Gerard Butler and Cate Blanchett. After five years during which time the Vikings and dragons have learnt to live together, Hiccup discovers there's a new threat. (2014, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
5.45pm Pointless
6.30pm BBC Regional News/Weather
7.00pm Celebrity Mastermind
Featuring Sky Sports presenter Olivia Wayne, antiques expert Philip Serrell, Richard McCourt (Dick from Dick and Dom) and poet Lemn Sissay. (S) (HD)
7.30pm Still Open All Hours
New series, 1/7. Granville faces being left alone at Christmas, as all his friends and neighbours make their plans to go away – leaving him at the mercy of Mrs Featherstone. (S) (AD) (HD)
8.00pm EastEnders
Fi breaks into Willmott-Brown's office while he tries to manipulate Kathy. (S) (AD) (HD)
8.30pm Little Women
3/3. As the March sisters grow up, Meg becomes a mtoher to twins, Amy travels through Europe and Jo meoves to New York. But Beth's spirits flag when she is taken ill once again. (S) (AD) (HD)
9.30pm EastEnders
Bernadette tells Kandice about the family's money troubles. (S) (AD) (HD)
10.00pm BBC Regional News/Weather
10.25pm Bruno Mars: Live in Harlem
As the chart-topper prepares to play the Apollo Theatre Harlem, he and his band take to the streets, singing and entertaining the locals. (S) (HD)
11.10pm U2 at the BBC (S) (HD)
12.25am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.30am BBC News

BBC2

6.45am Masterchef : The Professionals
7.45am Ray Harryhausen: Special Effects Titan
★★★★ Documentary celebrating the career of the genius behind the stop-motion special effects in many fantasy films. (2011, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
9.15am The Big Family Cooking Showdown
10.15am Nadiya's British Food Adventure
11.15am The Sweet Makers : A Victorian Treat
12.15pm Love is a Many-Splendored Thing
1.55pm Natural World
2.55pm World's Most Extraordinary Homes
3.55pm Inside the Factory
4.55pm The Heroes of Telemark
★★★ Second World War thriller. Occupied Norway, 1942: a team of resistance figters undetakes the vital mission to destroy the heavy-water plant to prevent the Nazis producing an atomic bomb. (1965, U) (S) (W) (HD)
7.00pm Thailand: Earth's Tropical Paradise
2/3: The Central Heartland. Nature finds a way to living alongside people in central Thailand's forests, fertile plains, and city streets. Moreover, spirituality can be found in human and animal relationships. This region is known as the nation's rice bowl, but even here there are magical places to be found. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
8.00pm Christmas University Challenge (S) (HD)
8.30pm Six Robots and Us
9.30pm Attenborough and the Empire of Ants
Beneath Switzerland's Jura mountains lies a vast network of tunnels and chambers, where more than a billion ants from roval colonies live in peace. Their existence breaks many of the rules for both ants and evolution, and raises some important questions. (S) (AD) (HD)
10.30pm Romesh Raganathan - Irrational Live
The star with an acerbic take on the world aims shots at everyone from his kids to a stranger in a coffee shop, in a sell-out show at London's Hammersmith Apollo. (S) (HD)
11.30pm Alan Partridge: Alpha Papa
★★★★ Comedy with Steve Coogan. Norwich DJ Alan Partridge is unconcerned when his local radio station is bought out by a multinational. But when a shotgun-wielding DJ decides to hold the staff hostage, it's up to Norwich's most famous son to save the day. (2013, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
1.00am Oasis: Supersonic
★★★★ Music documentary from the director of Spike Island, charting the birth and rise of Oasis, the Manchester group fronted by Noel and Liam Gallagher, that helped define the Britpop era in the 1990s.

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain
8.30am Lorraine
9.25am Babe
★★★★ Fantasy starring James Cromwell. Babe, an orphaned pig, demonstrates talent as a sheep-pig. (1995, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
11.05am Black Beauty
★★★ Family drama, starring Sean Bean and David Thewlis. After being retired, the horse Black Beauty looks back on a long and eventful life. (1994, U) (S) (W) (HD)
12.45pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.00pm Midsomer Murders
John Barnaby investigates a killer who uses ancient torture methods to punish modern-day 'sinners'. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
3.00pm Tenable
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase
6.00pm Paul O'Grady : For the Love of Dogs
Paul tries to reunite a lost Jack Russell with its owner. Then a deadly illness strikes two puppies. (R) (S) (HD)
6.30pm Local News/Weather
6.45pm ITV News/Weather
7.00pm Emmerdale
Jimmy and Nicola receive a tempting offer. Their's romance in the air for Bernice, but she's nervous about her date. (S) (AD) (HD)
8.00pm Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
★★★★ Fantasy adventure starring Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson. Despite havng battled Voldemort in person, Harry Potter cannot convince the wizarding world of the evil lord's return. Inspired by his friends in the secret Order of the Phoenix, Harry forms an underground army at Hogwart's in preparation for battle with the forces of evil. (2007, 12) (S) (AD)(W) (HD)
10.35pm ITV News/Weather
10.55pm Tina & Bobby
2/3. After Bobby Moore leads England to World Cup glory, Tina joins hime in the public eye. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
11.55pm Stuck on You: The Football Sticker Story
12.45am Jackpot 247

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
★★★★ 8.00pm ITV1

Channel4

5.40am Holiday Inn
★★★★ Musical comedy with Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire, featuring songs by Irving Berlin. (1942, U) (BW) (S) (HD)
7.20am The SpongeBob Square Pants Movie
★★★★ Animated comedy adventure. The friendly sea sponge sets out to reclaim King Neptune's stolen crown. (2004, U) (S) (W) (HD)
8.55am Lego Masters
10.00am The Simpsons
11.00am Spy Kids 4 : All the Time in the World
★★ Fantasy adventure. Secret agent Marissa Cortez Wilson is called out of retirement to prevent the evil TimeKeeper from taking over the world. (2011, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
12.45pm The Net
★★ Hi-tech thriller with Sandra Bullock. A recluse discovers a sinster online plot. (1995, 12) (S) (W) (HD)
3.00pm Four Rooms with Sarah Beeny
4.00pm Channel 4 News
4.20pm Back to the Future Part III
★★★★ Third instalment in the blockbuster comedy adventure series. Trapped in 1955 when the DeLorean vanishes, Marty McFly needs help again to get back to the future. (1990, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
6.30pm Hollyoaks
Maggie wants to take Damon and Brody on a cruise. (S) (AD) (HD)
7.00pm We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Animated adventure. A family set off on an expedition. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
7.30pm The Secret Life of the Zoo at Christmas
Episode 6, series 4. Chester Zoo's keepers are busy making gifts for all the animals. (S) (AD) (HD)
8.30pm Secret Life of 5 Year Olds on Holiday
On holiday in Cyprus, the children sample the excitement of packing and flying, the adrenaline rush of the water park, and the first taste of exotic delicacies. (S) (AD) (HD)
9.00pm What Britain Bought in 2017
Mary Portas gets to the bottom of the return of big knickers, the truth behind the unicorn trend, and why the comeback of gin actually shows we are drinking less. (S) (AD) (HD)
10.00pm The Undateables
In Bournemouth, poet Shaine has mistletoe at the ready for his first kiss with girlfriend Gemma. (S) (AD) (HD)
11.05pm About a Boy
★★★★ Romantic comedy drama. In search of easy conqeusts, womanising 30-something Will poses as a father at a picnic for single parents where he meets the emotionally toubled Fiona and her 12-year-old son, Marcus. (2012, 12) (S) (W) (HD)
12.55am Alan Carr's Christmas Chatty Man

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!
9.15am Cruising with Jane McDonald
Travelogue with the ex-cruise singer. (S) (HD)
9.30am The Gadget Show
Featuring a driverless electric racing car. (S) (HD)
10.25am The Seventh Voyage of Sinbad
★★★★ Fantasy. Sinbad and his crew journey to the monster-infested island of Colossa (1958, U) (S) (W) (HD).
12.15pm The Vikings
★★★★★ Epic adventure starring Tony Curtis and Kirk Douglas. A Viking slave makes an enemy of teh ruthless warrior son of the feared Viking leader, Ragnar. (1958, PG) (S) (W) (HD).
2.30pm Jason and the Argonauts
★★★★ Fantasy adventure. Jason sets out to find the Golden Fleece that will enable him to recalim the throne that is rightfully his. (1963, U) (S) (W) (HD).
4.30pm Andre Rieu - My Life in Music
A look at the career of the Dutch violinist. Shown Christmas Eve, 9pm. (S) (HD)
6.00pm Andre Rieu : Christmas in London
An evening of carols and seasonal classics. Shown Christmas Eve, 10.20pm. (S) (HD)
7.00pm Winter in Alaska
Documentary expling the flora and fauna in the icy American state. (S) HD)
8.00pm World's Strongest Man 2017
Hafthor Julius Bjornsson, who plays Ser Gregor in *Game of Thrones*, is in Botswana for heat two, where Iceland's expectations fall on his broad shoulders. (S) (HD)
9.00pm Flight
★★★ Thriller. Pilot Whip Whitaker is feted as a hero after he crash lands his malfunctioning plane, saving almost everyone on board. But Whip's celebrity is short-lived when investigators find something untoward. (2012, 15) (S) (W) (HD)
11.45pm The Taking of Pelham One Two Three
★★ Remake of the 1974 thriller. An armed gang holds passengers on a New York subway train hostage. (2009, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

The Taking of Pelham One Two Three ★★
11.45pm Channel 5

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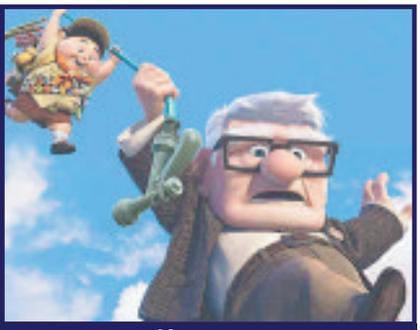
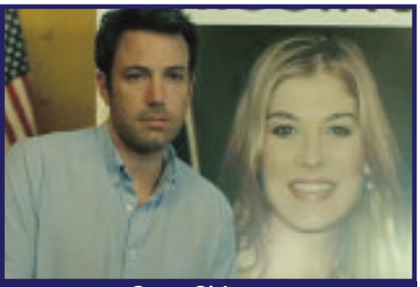


Up ★★★★★
2.25pm BBC1



Gone Girl ★★★★
9.15pm BBC1

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
★★★★ 8.00pm ITV1

CutThroat Island ★★
1.20pm Channel4

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
9.00am Monsters vs Aliens
★★★★ Animated sci-fi comedy, voiced by Reese Witherspoon, Seth Rogen and Hugh Laurie. A meteorite transforms a bride into a huge monster. (2009, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
10.25am Shaun the Sheep : The Farmer's Llamas
10.55am Kung Fu Panda 2
★★★ Animated sequel with the voice of Jack Black. Po embarks on a quest to find out about his childhood. (2011, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
12.15pm Bargain Hunt
12.45pm BBC Regional News/Weather
1.10pm Father Brown
1.55pm Revolting Rhymes
2.25pm Up
★★★★★ Oscar-winning animated adventure from Pixar. A widower uses balloons to float his house to a South American lost world, but discovers an eighty-year-old stowaway. (2009, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
3.50pm Room on the Broom
4.20pm Brave
★★★★ Animated fairy tale. Scottish princess Merida flees court after her parents insist she should settle down and get married. But when she encounters a witch in the woods and asks her to cast a spell to change the situation, it sets off a chain if events only Merida's bravery can reverse.
5.45pm Pointless
6.30pm BBC Regional News/Weather
7.00pm Celebrity Mastermind
7.30pm Tim Vine Travels Through Time Christmas Special
After Emma Bunton asks for his help with an antique, Tim journeys nack in time to Tudor England in a quest to find a silver lion and bring Christmas to Henry VIII's court. (S) (HD)
8.00pm EastEnders
Carmel and Shakil put paid to Kush and Denise's hopes of a quiet night in. (S) (AD) (HD)
8.30pm Would I Lie to You?
6/10. With guests Steve Davis, Craig Parkinson, Sara Pascoe and Claudia Winkleman. (S) (HD)
9.00pm BBC Regional News/Weather
9.15pm Gone Girl
★★★★ Mystery thriller. When Amy Dunne goes missing, all the evidence points towards her husband Nick having killed her. Despite protesting his innocence, Nick's secretive nature, unflattering media appearances and other clues combine to make him look guilty. But is he actually telling the truth? (2014, 18) (S) (AD) (W) (HD).
11.40pm Michael McIntyre's Big Christmas Show
12.45am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.50am BBC News

BBC2

6.35am MasterChef : The Professionals
7.35am G-Force
★★★ Part-animated action adventure starring Bill Nighy, and featuring the voies of Nicolas Cage, Penélope Cruz and Sam Rockwell. (2009, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
8.55am The Big Family Cooking Showdown
9.55am Nadiya's British Food Adventure
10.55am Natural World
11.55am Three Coins in a Fountain
★★★★ Romantic comedy starring Clifton Webb and Dorothy McGuire. (1954, U) (S) (W) (HD)
1.35pm Nature's Weirdest Events
2.05pm World's Most Extraordinary Homes
3.05pm Inside the Factory
4.05pm The Desert Fox
★★★ Fact-based Second World War action drama starring James Mason. (1951, PG) (BW) (S) (HD)
5.30pm Thailand: Earth's Tropical Paradise
3/3: The Mysterious North. Northern Thailand is dominated by mountains and cloaked in dense forest. In order to survive here, both the wildlife and the people have to forge methods of living in harmony. Narrated by Sophie Okonedo. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
6.30pm Christmas University Challenge
7.00pm Morecambe and Wise in Pieces - Leading Ladies
Penelope Keith introduces highlights from the comedy duo's shows, in which famous female stars of stage and screen, including Penelope herself, often found themselves struggling to keep a straight face.
8.00pm Eric & Ernie's Home Movies
An archive largely unseen until now reveals what Eric and Ernie were really like during key moments in their private and family lives. (S) (AD) (HD)
9.00pm Vic and Bob's Big Night Out
Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer go back on to their roots. In this one-off show they introduce new characters, as well as reuniting us with some old favourites. There are sketches songs, skits and stunts. (S) (AD) (HD)
9.30pm Live at the Apollo
10.00pm Frankie Boyle's 2017 New World Order
10.30pm QI XL
11.15pm The Great Gatsby
★★★ Period romantic drama from Baz Luhrmann, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Carey Mulligan and Tobey Maguire. (2013, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
1.35am Doctor Who Christmas Special
The Doctor meets his original incarnation, in Peter Capaldi's final episde. Show Christmas Day, 5.30pm on BBC1. (S) (AD)

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain
8.30am Lorraine
9.25am Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury
9.50am Everything or Nothing : The Untold Stories of 007
★★★★ Documentary made to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the James Bond film franchise, featuring interviews with Daniel Craig and past 007s. (2012, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
11.45am Bond Girls Forever
Actresses talk about the thrill of being a Bond girl. (R) (S) (AD)
12.45pm ITV Lunchtime News
12.55pm ITV Local News
1.00pm Midsomer Murders
3.00pm Tenable
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase
6.00pm Paul O'Grady : For the Love of Dogs
Two days after a stray puppy arrives at Battersea Dogs & Cats Home, the vets face a crisis inlike anything they've encountered beore. Meanwhile, Paul helps a Yorkshire terrier adjust to the kennels with a pampering blow-dry. (R) (S) (HD)
6.30pm Local News/Weather
6.45pm ITV News /Weather
7.00pm Emmerdale
The Dingles make preparations. Jimmy's feeling nervous. Bernice is busy with arrangements. (S) (AD) (HD)
7.30pm Coronation Street
Roy begs Carla not to return to Devon and to move in with him instead, and Geraldine is pleased with Adam's offer to help get Summer taken away from Todd and Billy. (S) (AD) (HD)
8.00pm Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
★★★★ The sixth instalment of the blockbuster fantasy adventure series. The ruthless Death Eaters announce the return of their master, Lord Voldemort, with a series of attacks on London. With disaster looming, Professor Dumbledore brings former tutor Horace Slughorn back to Hogwarts so that young wizard Harry can learn from him the secrets of Voldemort's awesome power. (2009, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD).
10.50pm ITV News/Weather
11.10pm Tina and Bobby
3/3. The duo try to escape their marriage troubles by investing in their future, but a disastrous business venture mires them in debt, just as Bobby's playing career starts to wane. Bobby winds up managing a lowly non-league side, and Tina dismisses rumours he's having an affair – until her worst fears are confirmed. When he confesses to loving the woman involved, Tina's world collapses along with her marriage and she finds she must start her life afresh. (R) (S) (HD)
12.05am Bear's Mission with Rob Brydon
1.00am Jackpot 247

Channel4

5.15am Young Sherlock Holmes
★★★ Mystery adventure starring Nicholas Rowe and Alan Cox. (1985, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
7.05am Black Nativity
★★ Musical drama. Teen spends Christmas with his estranged grandparents. (2013, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
8.50am Lego Masters
9.50am The Simpsons
11.15am Hotel for Dogs
★★★ Comedy. A pair of orphaned children open a refuge for stray dogs. (2008, U) (S) (W) (HD)
1.20pm Cutthroat Island
★★ Swashbuckling action adventure starring Geena Davis and Matthew Modine. (1995, PG) (S) (W)
3.40pm Four Rooms with Sarah Beeny
Items include a Second World War Tommy gun and an antique cup linked to Napoleon. (S) (HD)
4.45pm Channel 4 News
5.00pm The Simpsons
6.00pm Hollyoaks
Tom celebrates his birthday at the loft. (S) (AD) (HD)
7.00pm Travel Man
Richard Ayoade and actor Jon Hamm cram as much as they can into a two-day trip to the most vertical city on the planet. (S) (AD) (HD)
8.00pm Jamie and Jim's Friday Night Feast
6/12, series 5. Actress Ashley Jensen joins Jamie Oliver and Jimmy doherty in the café. Jamie makes fillet of beef wrapped in Parma ham and mushrooms, and Ashley learns how to make authentic Umbrian pasta with truffles. Jimmy helps the RNLI create the perfect fundraising feast and the boys discuss the pros and cons of pre-prepared baby food. (S) (AD) (HD)
9.00pm 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
Jon Richardson and Catherine Tate team up against Sean Lock and Joe Wilkinson. Joe Lycett joins lexicographer Susie Dent in Dictionary Corner and maths whizz Rachel Riley is in charge of the numbers and letters. Hosted by Jimmy Carr. (S) (HD)
10.00pm Gogglebox 2017
12.05am I Give it a Year
★★★ Romantic comedy starring Rose Byrne and Rafe Spall. Afeter a seven month courtship Nat and Josh decide to tie the knot. But the couple's close friends have doubts about the longevity of the relationship. (2013, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD).
1.55am The River World
★★★★ Adventure thriller starring Meryl Streep. Former white-water guide Gail Hartman believes a rafting trip with her family will help save her marriage. But two travellers are suspiciously interested in Gail's knowledge of the river. (1994, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!
9.00am Arthur 2: On the Rocks
★ Romantic comedy sequel to Arthur, with Dudley Moore and Liza Minelli. (1988, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
11.10am Dirty Rotten Scoundrels
★★★ Comedy starring Michael Caine and Steve Martin. A sophisticated English conman's position is threatened but the arrival of a small-time American rival. (1988, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
1.20pm Labyrinth
★★★ Fantasy adventure. Sarah has 13 hours to solve the mystery of the Labyrinth and save her baby brother from becoming a goblin. (1986, U) (S) (W) (HD)
3.20pm Look Who's Talking
★★★ Comedy with John Travolta and Kirstie Alley as the unlikely custodians of a talking baby. (1989, 12) (S) (W) (HD)
5.10pm Footloose
★★★ Musical drama. Chicago teenager Ren MacCormack is not the kind of person they welcome in rural Bomont, a town where dancing rock 'n' roll and certain books are banned. But when you "gotta dance" you don't mind shaking things up a little. (1984, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
7.00pm Winter in Yorkshire
As winter takes its toll, cameras follow grey seal pups at Ravenscar beach. (S) (HD)
8.00pm World's Strongest Man 2017
New. The third heat in Botswana, which feature six tasks including the 15-tonne bus-pull, the 350kg dead lift and the 200kg elephant carry. (S) (HD)
9.00pm Victoria Wood by Her Friends
A celebration of the comedy star, who died last year, from her first appearance singing comedy songs on 1970s talent show *New Faces*, to her sketch shows, stand-up tours and classic sitcoms. (S) (HD)
10.00pm Victoria Wood : At It Again
The comedian performs stand-up and witty sketches featuring her trademark witty wordplay in a show filmed in 1997. (S)
12.00 Super Casino

Labyrinth ★★★
1.20pm Channel 5

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Saturday 30th December

102 Dalmations ★★★
1.15pm BBC1

Mansfield Park ★★★★
11.35am BBC2

Despicable Me 2 ★★★★
4.25pm ITV1

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part1
★★★★★ 9.00pm Channel4

Alice in Wonderland ★★
6.20pm BBC2

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
10.00am Saturday Kitchen
11.30am Nigel Slater's New Year Suppers
12.00 Football Focus
1.00pm BBC News/Weather
1.15pm 102 Dalmatians
★★★ Comedy adventure sequel. Cruella De Vil leaves prison a seemingly changed woman. But she soon returns to her wicked ways. (200, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
2.50pm The Penguins of Madagascar
★★★ Animated comedy spin-off from Madagascar, with the voices of John Malkovich and Benedict Cumberbatch. The resourceful penguins team up with an undercover organisation to stop a malevolent mollusc from destroying the world. (2014, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
4.10pm Final Score
5.30pm BBC Regional News/Weather
5.50pm Celebrity Mastermind
6.20pm Pointless Celebrities
Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present with Radio 2 guests Jo Whiley, Jeremy Vine, Zoë Ball, Michael Ball, Ken Bruce and Anneka Rice. (R) (S) (HD)
7.10pm A Christmas Carol Goes Wrong
The Mischief Theatre Company return as the Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society. This time they are determined to ignore a BBC blacklisting by hijacking a 'live' production of Charles Dickens' famous festive fable. Yet they struggle with studio direction and special effetcts, nd trying to keep a professional cast at bay. (S) (AD) (HD)
8.00pm Avengers: Age of Ultron
★★★★ Action adventure. During a raid on a Hydra base to recover Loki's sceptre, the Avengers encounter resistance from the superhuman Maximoff twins. Tony Stark decides to use the sceptre in his Ultron peacemaking programme. But, once installed, Ultron has its own ideas on how to keep the world safe... and it doesn't include the Avengers. (2015, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
10.10pm BBC News/Weather
10.30pm Match of the Day
Highlights of games including Liverpool v Leicester, and Manchester United v Southampton. (S) (HD)
11.55pm The NFL Show
Mark Chapman previews the final round of fixtures. (S) (HD)
12.25am Dinner for Schmucks
★ Hollywood remake of the French comedy Le Diner de Cons, starring Steve Carell, Paul Rudd and Jermaine Clement. (2010, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
2.15am Weather for the Week Ahead
2.20am BBC News

BBC2

6.35am Birds of Paradise : The Ultimate Quest
7.35am Tinker Bell and the Pirate Fairy
★★★ Animated fantasy adventure. TinkerBell's friend gets into trouble after experimenting with blue pixie dust. (2014, U) (S) (W) (HD)
8.45am The Big Family Cooking Showdown
9.45am Natural World
10.35am Jane Austen : Behind Closed Doors
11.35am Mansfield Park
★★★★ Period drama based on Jane Austen's novel, starring Frances O'Connor, Embeth Davidtz and Jonny Lee Miller. (1999, 15) (S) (W) (HD)
1.25pm World's Most Extraordinary Homes
2.20pm Six Robots and Us
3.20pm All About Eve
★★★★★ Oscar-winning drama. Ageing theatre actress Margo Channing is charmed into employing a young fan as her secretary. But her new assistant ruthlessly begins to undermine Margo's career in order to fulfil her own acting ambitions. (1950, PG) (BW) (S) (HD)
5.35pm Talking Pictures - Barry Norman
Rory Bremner presents an affectionate look back at the career of the film critic, who died in June.
6.20pm Alice in Wonderland
★★ Fantasy adventure based on the books by Lewis Carroll. At a garden party to celebrate her engagement, the now teenage Alice spots a white rabbit from her childhood dreams and follows it down a rabbit hole that leads to a strangely familiar world. (2010, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
8.00pm Dad's Army
The King Was in His Counting House. The bank is hit by a bomb while Capt Mainwaring is holding a party for the platoon at his house. First shown in 1972. (R) (S)
8.30pm Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs
New series, 1/6. Paul Murton begins an exploration of the nation's lochs by travelling through the wilds surrounding Loch Etive. (S) HD)
9.00pm Feud - Bette and Joan
5/8. The dispute reaches the point of no return when Joan is snubbed in the Academy Award nominations for best actress in 1963 and gets no sympathy from Bette. (S) (AD) (HD)
9.45pm Feud - Bette and Joan
6/8. Joan is on a publicity tour for Strait-Jacket when Hedda Hopper calls her with a rumour that a "stag" movie she made before her big break is about to surface. (S) (AD) (HD)
10.30pm Hush, Hush Sweet Charlotte
★★★ Gothic drama. A neurotic spinster, fearing that the planned demolition of her Louisiana mansion will reveal evidence of an unsolved murder, turns to her cousin for help. (1964, 15) (BW) (S) (HD)
12.40am Absolutely Fashion : Inside British Vogue

ITV1

6.00am CITV
9.25am ITV News /Weather
9.30am Saturday Morning with James Martin
Actor Jimi Mistry, his wife Flavia Cacace, and chef Brian Turner join James as he prepares party canapes, slow-cooked lamb shoulder, and prune, apple and Christmas pudding crumble. (S) (HD)
11.25am Endeavour
The death of an artist in a house fire leaves police baffle.d When news of the victim's ties to young Oxford activists tumbles out, young Morse is drawn into a deepening web of mystery. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
1.20pm ITV News/Weather
1.30pm The Chase
2.30pm 3 Men and a Baby
★★★★ Comedy. Three bachelors learn parenting skills the hard way when an abandoned baby unexpectedly turns up on their doorstep. (1987, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
4.25pm Despicable Me 2
★★★★ Animated comedy sequel featuring the voice of Steve Carell. The Anti-Villain League recruits former supervillain Gru to lead an investigation and find the person responsible for stealing a secret Arctic laboratory. (2013, U) (S) (W) (HD)
6.10pm Local News/Weather
6.20pm ITV News/Weather
6.30pm Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway Presents ...Who Shot Simon Cowell?
Another compiled complete story from the duo's comedy caper skteches, this time from the 2016 series. When Simon Cowell is shot at his celebrity-packed birthday party, Ant and Dec are accused of the crime and forced to go on the run to find the real culprit. (S) (HD)
7.00pm Guess the Star
New game show in which host Jonathan Ross challenges three teams, including cast members from Coronation Street, Jordan and Perri from Diversity, and Eamon Holmes and Stacey Solomon, to gues the identities of famous faces who will be performing disguised as their favourite stars. (S) (HD)
8.00pm Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1
★★★ Fantasy adventure starring Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint. With Lord Voldemort once again in the ascendancy, teenage wizard Harry Potter and his friends Hermione and Ron are forced to go on the run. (2010, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
10.40pm ITV News/Weather
11.00pm The Mask
★★★★★ Fantasy comedy. Clumsy and shy bank clerk Stanley Ipkiss discovers an ancient mask that has the power to transform hime into a lime green cartoon character in a zoot suit, who just loves to perform in the spotlight. (1994, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
12.50am Jackpot 247

Channel4

5.15am The Three Musketeers
★★★★ Swashbuckling comedy adventure starring Michael York, Raquel Welch, Oliver Reed and Richard Chamberlain. (1973, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
7.05am Bridge to Terabithia
★★★★ Family fantasy. Lonely youngsters cement their friendship by creating a magical, imaginary kingdom know as "Terabithia" in the woods near their rural home. (2006, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
8.50am Lego Masters
9.55am The Simpsons
11.50am We're Going on a Bear Hunt
12.30pm Born Silly
12.50pm Ever After: A Cinderella Story
★★★★ Romantic fantasy based on the fairy tale, starring Drew Barrymore, Angelica Huston and Dougray Scott. A girl treated as a servant by her stepmother has an encounter with a dashing prince. (1998, PG) (S) (AD) (HD)
3.15pm Pride and Prejudice
★★★★ Period romantic drama. England in the 18th century: with five daughters and no fortune, class-obsessed Mrs Bennet is determined to marry off her brood and goes into a match-making frenzy. But one of her girls, the spirited, intelligent Elizabeth, seems more interested in verbal sparring than romance. (2005, U) (S) (W) (HD)
5.40pm Channel 4 News
5.55pm Crocodile Dundee II
★★★ Comedy adventure. Outback hero Mick Dundee and journalist Sue Charlton have settled down in New York. But their peace is shattered by a call from Sue's ex who has uncovered a drug-smuggling racket. (1988, PG) (S) (HD)
8.00pm The Price is Right
Alan Carr invites five members of the studio audience to "come on down" for a special edition of the classic TV gamne show. Alan guides them through a host of challenges, including Time Flies, Plinko, and Cliffhanger, and contestants must guess the price of a series of weird and wonderful prizes, hoping to win the chance to spin the big wheel and eventually play in the showcase showdown. (S) (HD)
9.00pm The Hunger Games : Mockingjay Part 1
★★★★ Action adventure. Having survived two Hunger Games, Katniss Everdeen is taken to the underground District 13. There she meets the rebel leader President Alma Coin who asks Katniss to become a spearhead in their push against the might of the Capitol. (2014, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
11.20pm Speed
★★★★★ Action thriller. A demented extortionist's plan to collect a huge ransom by platning a bomb in an LA skyscraper is thwarted. Undeterred, the unhinged bomber sets a sterner test – an even more deadly device on board a commuter-filled bus that will explode if the bus' speed drops belo 50mph. (1994, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!
10.50am The African Queen
★★★★★ Classic First World War romantic adventure starring Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn. East Africa, 1914; a prim missionary finds an unlikely saviour in the captain of a riverboat. (1951, U) (S) (W) (HD)
12.55pm Greystoke : The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes
★★★ Adventure starring Christopher Lambert. When Lord Clayton and his pregnant young wife are shipwrecked off the coast of Africa in 1886, a legend is born. Their son, John, is reared in the jungle by apes and becomes master of all he surveys. (1984, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
3.30pm Live Rugby Union
Harlequins v Northampton Saints. The mid-table rivals meet in Quins' annual Big Game fixture at the 82,000-capacity Twickenham Stadium. Kick off 4pm. Presented by Mark Durden-Smith. (S) (HD)
6.05pm World's Strongest Man 2017
Action from the fourth heat in Botswana, which featured Eddie Hall, who has won the Britain's Strongest Man title four times and came third in this competition in 2016. (S) (HD)
7.00pm Blind Date
New. Self-styled diva Devorshka chooses between a plumber, a banker, and an accountant. Sophie and Jimmy also reveal to Paul how they got along on their swinging date, and Ted and Bee return from Venice. (S) (HD)
8.00pm Greatest Ever Celebrity Wind Ups
Including Ant and Dec's classic set-up of Simon Cowell on Saturday night TV, and an elaborate practical joke from *Game of Thrones* star Maisie Williams. S) (HD)
9.00pm 5 News
9.05pm Football on 5: The Championship
Highlights including Middlesbrough v Aston Villa, Birmingham v Leeds, and Brentford v Sheffield Wednesday. (S) (HD)
10.15pm Football on 5: Goal Rush
With goals from Blackburn v Scunthorpe, Blackpool v Plymouth Argyle, and Grimsby v Accrington Stanley.
10.45pm How Magic Changed TV
The story of magic on the small screen, featuring a look back at how performers transformed the art form. (S) (HD)
12.15am Super Casino

The Mask ★★★★★
11.00pm ITV1

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FESTIVE Television

New Years Eve

Bedknobs and Broomsticks ★★★
1.40pm BBC1

Into the Woods ★★★
8.00pm BBC2

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2 ★★★★★ 7.50pm ITV1

We Bought a Zoo ★★★
1.55pm Channel4

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
8.00am Match of the Day
9.25am Bolt
★★★★ Animated comedy adventure. Canine TV superhero Bolt has a rude awakening after an accident lands him in Manhattan and he has to get back to LA. (2008, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
10.55am The Croods
★★★ Animated adventure. A prehistoric family trek through hostile territory to find a new cave. (2013, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
12.25pm BBC News/Weather for the Week Ahead
12.40pm Comic Relief 2017 : 'Twas the Thanks After Red Nose Day
1.40pm Bedknobs and Broomsticks
★★★ Part-animated fantasy with Angela Lansbury. Three children are evacuated and sent to live with an eccentric withc whose powers can take them to fantastic worlds. (1971, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
3.35pm Songs of Praise - The Big Sing
4.05pm Top of the Pops : New Year Special
Paloma Faith, Ed Sheeran, Dua Lipa, Rita Ora, the Vamps and Craig David featuring Bastille are among the acts performing their hits. (S) (HD)
5.05pm Attenborough and the Giant Elephant
6.05pm BBC Regional News/Weather
6.30pm Celebrity Mastermind
7.00pm Countryfile
8.00pm Antiques Roadshow
9.00pm The Real Marigold on Tour
4/4, series 2. Rosemary Shrager, Dennis Taylor, Sheila Ferguson and Paul Nicholas take a trip to Chiang Mai in norhtern Thailand. After the foursome venture out into the steamy 35 degrees heat, agrisly but enlightening shopping experience at the market is followed by a first spicy Thai dish.
10.00pm BBC News/Weather
10.20pm The Graham Norton Show
Chat with *The Greatest Showman* co-stars Zac Efron, Hugh Jackman, and Zendaya, plus home-grown stars Gary Oldman and Suranne Jones. Music from the Leading Ladies. (S) (HD)
11.20pm Nile Rodgers and Chic : Good Times 2017
Even the fireworks are likely to be funky after the disco legends get the party started, live in London. Continues 12.10am (S) (HD)
11.55pm New Year's Eve Fireworks 2017
As Big Ben strikes midnight, a musical pyrotechnic display lights up the Thames Embankment (S) (HD)
12.10am Nile Rodgers and Chic : Good Times 2018
12.50am Michael McIntyre - Happy and Glorious
The genial comedian's performance from 2015. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

BBC2

6.35am Birds of Paradise : The Ultimate Quest
7.35am Mars Needs Moms
★★ Animated sci-fi comedy. Martians abduct a human mother to raise their offspring. (2011, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
9.00am The Big Family Cooking Showdown
10.00am Saturday Kitchen
11.30am A-Z of TV Cooking
12.15pm Shall We Dance?
★★ Lawyer Richard Gere is given a new lease of life when he takes up ballroom dancing. (2004, 12) (S) (W) (HD)
1.55pm Six Robots and Us
2.55pm Talking Pictures - Anthony Hopkins
3.40pm 84 Charing Cross Road
★★★★ Biographical drama. American writer Helene Hanff reflets on her intense 20-year relationship with the staff of a particular London bookshop. (1986, U) (S) (W) (HD)
5.15pm Prince of Persia: Sands of Time
★★★ Fantasy action adventure starring Jake Gullenhaal and Gemma Arterton. Prince Dastan is framed for murder and is forced to gon the run in the company of a mysterious princess. The key to his salvation is a magic dagger that can shift (20010, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
7.00pm Robot Wars Special
8.00pm Into the Woods
★★★ Musical fantasy starring Meryl Streep, Emily Blunt and James Corden. A baker and his wife wish for a family, but have ben cursed by a witch to be childless unless they find four items for her. During their search they cross paths with Jac, Cinderella, Rapunzel, and Red Riding Hood, who also have wishes to be fulfilled. (2014, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
10.00pm Match of the Day 2
Highlights include Crystal Palace v Manchester City, West Brow v Arsenal, plus all the goals from Saturday's seven games. (S) (HD)
10.50pm Live at the Apollo
Henning Wehn brings his uniquely eccentric sense of humour to the Hammersmith Apollo in west Lond, before introducing Lucy Porter and Guz Khan. (S) (HD)
11.20pm Jools Annual Hootenanny
The pianoman welcomes in the new year, helped by a line-up ranging from today's superstar one-man band Ed Sheeran to gospel veteran Mavis Staple. Also on the bill are Jazzie B and Soul II Soul with Caron Wheeler, George McCrae, Jessie Ware, Beth Ditto, while the Beat starring Dave Wakeling are joined by old friends Jennie Bellestar and Rhoda Dakar. Also featuring José Feliciano, Ruby Turner, and Trombone Shorty and Orleans Avenue warm up winter with some Big Easy funk. (S) (HD)
1.20am Best of Glastonbury 2017

ITV1

6.00am CITV
9.25am Countrywise
9.55am Casino Royale
★★★ James Bond spoof, starring David Niven and Peter Sellers. Agent 007 is enjoying his retirement. But when "M" is killed, Bond is called back into active service. (1967, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
12.25pm ITV News/Weather
12.30pm All Star Musicals
Seven well-known personalities each perform a song from a famous musical at the London Palladium. (S) (HD)
2.20pm A Very Royal Wedding
The 70th anniversary of the Queen and Prince Philip's marriage in November 1947, Alexander Armstrong talked with some of the ordinary people who made "the people's wedding" such a special occasion. (R) (S) (HD)
3.30pm A Right Royal Quiz
Joe Pasquale, Angellica Bell, Hal Cruttenden and Jodie Kidd have their knowledge of the monarchy put to the test by host Fern Britton. (S) (HD)
4.30pm Victoria
Comfort and Joy. The royal couple have very different expectations about what a family Christmas should be like, adn the arrival of guests at the palace only causes further tension. (S) (AD) (HD)
6.25pm Local News/Weather
6.35pm ITV News/Weather
6.50pm Cannonball!
Andrew Flintoff introduces some of the most bone-crunching moments from the show on which people compete to be human cannonballs. (S) (HD)
7.50pm Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2
★★★★★ JK Rowling's fantasy adventure saga reaches its climax. Harry continues his search for the magical Horcruxes, the key to Voldemort's immortality. Acting on information from Griphook the goblin, Harry is led to the vault of Voldemort's ally Bellatrix Lestrange before a final conflict with his archenemy. (2011, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
10.15pm The Real Full Monty
Twenty years on from the release of the movie, Alexander Armstrong and Ashley Banjo recruit famous face who might be brave enough to go the real "Full Monty". Emmerdale's Matthew Wolfenden, Olympic swimmer Mark Foster, McFly drummer Harry Judd, Danny John-Jules of Red Dwarf, Wayne Sleep, Elliott Wright and presenter Dom Littlewood struggle to master the moves as ythey prepare to perform in front of 2,000 people at the London Palladium
11.45pm ITV News
12.10am Parenthood
★★★★ Family comedy starring Steve Martin as Gil Buckman, an overly anxious father who is determined that his children will have a better childhood than he did. (1989, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

Channel4

5.45am The Four Musketeers
★★★ Director Richard Lester's star-studded sequel to The Three Musketeers. D'Artagnan goes into battle against the devious Cardinal Richelieu. (1974, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
7.35am Frasier
8.30am Formula One 2017: Hamilton's Record Breaking Season.
9.30am Sunday Brunch
12.30pm The Simpsons
1.55pm We Bought a Zoo
★★★ Comedy drama. Following the death of his wife, Benjamin Mee moves with his children to a zoo in California. (2011, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
4.20pm Channel 4 News
4.25pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
5.25pm Britain's Wildest Weather 2017
7.00pm Amazing Spaces Snow and Ice Special
George Clarke and Will Hardie explore small space design in Norway. Among the structures they visit are a treehouse that can withstand nine tons of snowfall and gale force winds, a hugh, 30-room ice hotel, a circular abode made from a disused oil silo, a geodesic aluminium dome, and a moveable home that has served a Sami community for hundreds of years. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
8.00pm The Crystal Maze
Richard Ayoade leads Olympian Nicola Adams, Paralympian Ellie Simmonds, Made in Chelsea's Ollie Locke, singer Mollie King, and comedian Tom Davis on a festive quest through the zones. Aling the way they encounter the Knight (Jessica Hynes) and Jarhead (Adam Buxton) before reaching the Crystal Dome and the opportunity to earn a cash prize for Stand Up to Cancer. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
9.00pm Alan Carr's New Year Specstacular 2017
The chat-happy comedian is joing by guests including Jonnie Peacock, Keith Lemon, Caroline Flack, Alex Brooker, Binky Felstead, Tom Davis, Charlotte Dawson, Big Narstie and Kim Woodburn, for a mix of party games, sketches and all kinds of hilarity. Music comes from Stefflon Don, and Pete Tong with Becky Hill and the Heritage Orchestra.
11.00pm Big Fat Quiz of the Year
Jimmy Carr finds out how closely famous face, including Richard Ayoade, Noel Fielding, David Mitchell, Katherine Ryan, Roisin Conaty and Big Narstie, have been watching the news this year. Show Boxing Day at 9pm. (S) (HD)
1.00am Gogglebox 2017
3.00am The Crystal Maze Celebrity Special

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!
10.35am Football on 5 : The Championship
Highlights include Birmingham v Leeds. Shown Saturday 30th at 10.15pm.
11.25am Football on 5 : Goal Rush
The weekend's goals. Shown Saturday 30th at 10.15pm.
12.00 Alaska a Year in the Wild
Following wildlife in the ciy American state. (S) (AD) (HD)
12.55pm 3 Men and a Little Lady
★★ Comedy sequel with Tom Selleck, Steve Guttenberg and Ted Danson. The trio are dismayed when Mary moves with her mother from New York to London. (1990, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
2.55pm Groundhog Day
★★★★★ Comedy fantasy starring Bill Murray and Andie MacDowell. Cynical TV weatherman Phil Connors pays a high price after he mocks a small Pennsylvania town's annual Groundhog Day festival. (1993, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
4.10pm 5 News
5.00pm The Lego Movie
★★★★ Animated comedy adventure. When the evil Lord Business tries to take over the world, it falls to construction worker Emmet to save the day. (2014, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
7.00pm The Lego Story: Brick by Brick
The story of how an inspired piece of engineering – the Lego brick – turned a humble Danish toymaker into the manufacturer of the most enduring and commercially successful toy in the world. (S) (HD)
8.00pm World's Strongest Man 2017
After a year away battling injury, Lithuanian four-time champion Zydrunas Savickas battles it out with competitors including Britain's Terry Hollands for a place in the final. (S) (HD)
8.50pm 5 News
9.00pm When TV Hosts Go Horribly Wrong
A compilation of disasters that befell TV presenters, featuring mishaps involving Phillip Schofield, Anne Diamond, Ross King, and Charlotte Crosby. (S) (HD)
12.20am Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights
Including Bath v Wasps, Gloucester v Sale Sharks, and Saracens v Worcester Warriors. (S) (HD)
1.15am Super Casino

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It's not just about the air quality in the town centre

■ **RE: Honiton & Ottery front page, November 28th**

BEFORE we get too complacent about Honiton's improved air quality perhaps we should consider those living outside the town centre of whom there are far more with properties alongside main roads and near the centre than live actually in town.

For instance, for 20 years we have lived not far from the town centre, one side of the garden backing on to Monkton Road and another side running by the A35/A30 junction.

Since living here black sludge constantly covers our window sills and plants growing by the fence deposited by the pollution from the constant stream of HGVs hurtling from the King Street mini-roundabout to the A30. I hate to think about the state of our lungs.

This problem is exacerbated in the summer by the build up of holiday traffic joining the A35 to Axminster and beyond.

What price improved readings now. Where was the receptor locator in this area?

ANN ABLE, Honiton

Thanks for help

■ I WOULD like to thank all the people that helped my mother on Saturday, December 9th.

Crossing the road between the Co-op car park and Minster Court in Axminster she fell, catching the wheel of her walker on the pavement.

People were so kind; those walking past, a van driver, David (the warden) from Minster Court and Kate.

The paramedics were called and arrived promptly. My husband and I arrived to find her well cared for by so many kind people.

Mum was injured but not badly enough to go to hospital so we would like to say a huge thank you to every one. The joy of living in a small and caring community.

JANE THOMAS, via email

Hospitals campaign group not political

■ **RE: Seaton & Colyton front page, November 28th**

OH DEAR, is Councillor Burrows stamping his foot and behaving like a child who wasn't invited to the party?

First of all the group he is referring to is NOT political!

It was convened at a well attended meeting about the Seaton Hospital (beds) closure at Colyford in March 2017, where people left their email addresses to stay informed.

A demonstration was held on April 1st outside Seaton hospital, against the proposed hospital (beds) closure.

There were a large number of people there from Seaton and surrounding towns and villages, all of different political persuasions.

I cannot believe that Councillor Burrows did not know about this group.

We didn't have to be asked to join the group or to go to meetings, we went because we were all concerned about the proposed hospital closure.

Was Councillor Burrows at that demonstration? Did he know it was happening? It was well publicised.

We are lucky to have Councillor Shaw, our independent councillor, who is not hidebound by a political party, leading our cause.

He works tirelessly often against the councillors who appear to follow religiously the dictates of their political party.

This is a local issue and our councillors should, I believe, represent the feelings of the people who appointed them as councillors.

Thank you Councillor Shaw. I hope you are not disillusioned by comments such as those of Councillor Burrows.

Let's hope something positive comes out of what I consider, to be a very serious problem facing Seaton and the surrounding towns and villages.

JULIE HOOPER, Seaton

■ WE ARE very saddened to see in the recent local press that the campaign to save our community hospital appears to have taken a political turn.

We think it is vital that we retain services in our local community hospitals and are fiercely opposed to the selling of the hospital estates, particularly those that were at least partly funded by local residents.

As avid campaigners in the fight to save our local hospitals, we would just like to clarify our position. We have absolutely no political agenda and are purely trying to keep our specialist clinics and facilities now that our hospital beds have gone.

We hope that people will realise that this is a non-political issue and should be of concern to all members of our communities.

TONY & DI SMITH, JOHN RAMSAY and JUDITH RICHARDS, Seaton

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Brussels is 'corrupt, unelected monster'

■ I HAVE been following Richard David's correspondence in your paper with some interest.

It seems to me that his views are like all the Remainers in that if you do not agree with them you must be stupid.

I am not at all bitter about the nasty comments made about the majority who voted to leave that corrupt, unelected monster in Brussels.

I first voted Conservative in the 1950s because my father kept ranting on about the Labour Party.

At the time my interest in political matters was none existent. However since that time I have very much kept up to speed with political matters and I consider that I have kept a balanced view throughout my life.

During my career in business, including working with colleagues in the Federation of Small Business, I formed my belief that to stay in the EU would lead to a disaster at some date in the future, a belief I still hold.

Just a few of my reasons for leaving the EU:

1. Lack of accountability (accounts have not been signed off for more than 20 years);

2. The people running the EU have never been elected by the people – I know we have MEPs but they only rubber stamp what they are told and have no authority in running the EU;

3. The EU has no care about how much money is spent indeed they will just keep asking for more;

4. This country needs to be governed by the people of this country and not have our laws overridden by the unelected bureaucrats in Brussels.

It does not serve any purpose to imply that we who wish this country to leave are poorly educated and stupid and have no grasp of politics. This is not the case, in fact, I believe it is quite the opposite.

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VIEW 2

Folk's finest head to Somerset for performance of *The Transports*

A 40TH ANNIVERSARY revival of Peter Bellamy's most revered work, '*The Transports*', performed by some of the UK's finest folk stars at the start of the year, resoundingly lived up to its billing as one of the key folk music events of 2017.

Wall-to-wall acclaim from the critics was topped by a 5* review in *The Guardian* which described it as "A stunning fully staged folk suite of extraordinary richness and variety."

Now there is a second chance to see the famed and emotive story of 18th century exile, with the original cast reprising their roles, when the show heads to Yeovil's Octagon Theatre on January 12th.

The Young'uns, BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards Best Group (2016 and 2015) will join forces with fellow Folk Awards winners Nancy Kerr (Folk Singer of the Year 2015) and Greg Russell (Young Folk Award and Horizon Award).

They will be joined by ex-Bellowhead cellist Rachael McShane and celebrated trio Faustus (Paul Sartin, Benji Kirkpatrick and Saul Rose).

Sartin, another former member of the esteemed and much-missed Bellowhead, is also Musical Director of the project while author, storyteller and folk singer Matthew Crampton is once again the narrator and Tim Dalling (The New Rope String Band) is Creative Director.

The collective will take to the road in January 2018 in a 14-date tour of the ground-breaking ballad opera opening at Cheltenham Town Hall on January 10 and aptly bringing the curtain down in Norwich on January 24 - the city from which the story originates.

Supported by Arts Council England, the show fuses together moving, inspirational music and spellbinding storytelling within a vital historical and contemporary tapestry. Rarely can Bellamy's famed folk opera - a tale of 18th century exile - have been more pertinent, set against the current tide of forced migration.

Bellamy, a unique singer, musician and composer, tragically took his own life in 1991 at the age of just 47, but left a treasure trove of work of which The Transports is seen as his greatest triumph.

Complementing the tour once again will be the accompanying 'Parallel Lives' project which aims to link the show to refugee support groups in the tour towns.

The Transports was written after Bellamy read a story in his local Norfolk newspaper about the first transport ship to Australia. It is based on the remarkable true tale of convicts Henry Cabell and Susannah Holmes. Imprisoned for theft at Norwich Gaol prior to being transported the pair fall in love and have a son but are refused permission to marry. As Susannah awaits transportation to Australia at the quayside her son is refused passage but a guard, taking pity on her, travels with the infant to London to appeal to Lord Sydney, Home Secretary. Sydney orders that Cabell and Holmes be reunited, allowed to marry and transported together with their son as a family.

The folk opera was released on Free Reed Records in 1977 featuring some of the biggest names from the Seventies folk revival – The Watersons, Martin Carthy, Nic Jones, A.L Lloyd, June Tabor, Cyril Tawney and Dave Swarbrick – and was named The Guardian's Folk Album of the Year. It was first performed at Norwich Castle and has enjoyed several revivals since then including one marking its 25th anniversary.

While Paul Sartin has composed new musical arrangements storyteller Matthew Crampton has created fresh narrative elements to tell more fully the extraordinary story behind *The Transports*.

Says Paul: "This is perhaps Peter Bellamy's greatest legacy - an immensely powerful, beautiful and haunting collection of songs and texts crafted in a traditional English idiom. Unique in its conception, it is unified by a narrative which speaks with immediacy and passion and demands both musical and human responses."

Matthew has toured a show based on his latest book 'Human Cargo: Stories and Songs of Emigration, Slavery and Transportation'. He says: "Mass migration is a defining dilemma of today. There's seldom been a more vital moment to revisit The Transports - it's not just a great musical experience but a sharp reminder of folk music's power in portraying the way the world works."

"In our accompanying Parallel Lives project we will work with organisations supporting refugees in Britain, gathering stories of those trafficked or transported from Britain in the past alongside the stories of those arriving in the country and showing how the ebb and flow of migration has helped shape our country."

The performance will also include one new song that fuses perfectly with the Bellamy originals – the moving and much acclaimed *Dark Water*, penned by Sean Cooney of The Young'uns, voted one of the best 100 tracks of 2017 by *The Guardian*.

It tells the story of Hesham Modamani from Syria who, after fleeing his home country following the disappearance of his brother, took the drastic decision to swim the Aegean Sea with fellow Syrian Feras Abukhalil. Hesham is now studying in Germany and recently The Young'uns went there to meet him.

Award-winning record producer Andy Bell will be the sound engineer for the production, with Emma Thompson creating the lighting. Coinciding with the tour will be the release of the live recording of The Transports on January 12th on Hudson Records, a landmark album destined to become a collector's item.

The Transports will be performed at Yeovil's Octagon Theatre on Friday, January 12th 2018. Tickets are £20.50 available from www.octagon-theatre.co.uk or by calling 01935 422884.

Double awards triumph for The Beehive

'Community Centre of the Year' in Devon Community Honours 2017

THE first Devon Community Honours took place last week, to thank some of Devon's most selfless individuals for their efforts to make the county a better place to live. Among them was The Beehive in Honiton, honoured as 'Community Centre of the Year'. The award recognises community groups and organisations running a community centre with the help of local residents who volunteer their time.

Honiton Community Complex Charity, the team running The Beehive which includes over 100 volunteers and staff, aims to create a vibrant and stimulating centre that engages, challenges, entertains, supports, educates and encompasses the whole community.

Since opening in 2014, The Beehive has welcomed over 59,000 people to the building each year. The building is used by over 80 community organisations and special interest groups.

Five representatives from The Beehive attended the award ceremony at Exeter Castle which was organised by DevonLive, in association with Devon Country Council. The afternoon began with a welcome reception in the Terrace Rooms, followed by afternoon tea in the Ballroom. Judi Spiers hosted the event and introduced all of the successful nominees.

Barry Simmonds, Chairman said "winning a 'Community Centre of the Year' award is an amazing accolade. It's fantastic that everyone who gives up their time to volunteer at The Beehive has been recognised for their hard work. I'm proud of what we have achieved as a community."

The community centre award sponsor Western Power Distribution said "Community Centres, like our business, operate at the heart of its community. They often provide a safe haven for people who seek the company of others in a shared activity or event. They bring together people who make up the diverse nature of the local community to have fun, share experiences and support others. We are delighted to support the amazing people who make these community centres such a valuable resource for the wider community."

■ Members of The Beehive team

'Fantastic For Families'

Officially registered for the Family Arts Standards

THE Beehive has become an officially-registered venue for the Family Arts Standards.

The Family Arts Standards campaign is a national collaborative led by the visual and performing arts sectors to increase levels of arts engagement by families and is funded by the Arts Council England.

The standards are designed as a benchmark for organisations providing an exceptional welcome to families when attending an arts event – covering key areas such as programming and promotion, consultation with families, and facilities.

The Beehive presents a range of events suitable for children and families throughout the year including films, theatre performances, pantomimes and shows and hands-on events. Partner organisations also run dance, creative arts and amateur theatre groups for children and young people of all ages.

The building is very accessible to families with free parking, baby changing and "changing places" facilities, easy access and storage for wheelchairs and children's buggies, high chairs and free tap water in the café, plus auditorium booster seats.

"The Family Arts Standards has been an excellent process to go through" said Katheryn Hope, Deputy Operation Manager at The Beehive. "It has made us consider how we can improve our offer and communications to families and ensure that every visit is an enjoyable and rewarding experience."

Diary Dates

TUESDAY DECEMBER 19TH

COLYFORD: Bingo - Cash Prizes. In aid of Seaton Friends Hospiscare @ Home. Doors open 7pm - Eyes Down 7.45pm. Colyford Memorial Hall. Raffle and Refreshments. Ample free parking. All welcome.

DONYATT: A fun special Whist Drive at the Donyatt Village Hall, 7.30pm. Half-time refreshments.

YARCOMBE: Yarcombe Market, 10am-12noon. Lots of stalls to look at, or just come and have a cup of tea.

CREWKERNE: Walking Netball at Crewkerne Sports Centre, Mount Pleasant, 6-7pm. £3.50 per session. For all ages and abilities, every session includes a gentle warm-up. For more details call 01460 271683 or visit www.1610.org.uk

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre – Questions answered and help provided. 10am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters at Henhayes Centre. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 - 4pm.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20TH

SEATON: Call in for a cuppa and a chat with Age UK Devon 9.30 – 12 noon at number one (1 Harepath Road) Wheelchair access available.

SEATON: Come and sing carols at Seaton Methodist Church - Wednesday December 20th at 7pm. Free entry but a collection for Action for Children and The Alzheimer's Association will be made. Refreshments will be served.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 21ST

CHARD: Chard Camera Club will be holding its last in house print competition of the year. The subjects being Portrait and two Open subjects, meeting in the Baptist Church Hall at 7.30pm.

MISTERTON: Pre-Christmas Afternoon Tea, 2.30-5pm at Misterton WI Hall (TA18 8LX). Why not treat yourself to a pre-Christmas treat and enjoy "festive themed sandwiches" mince pies, christmas cake and clotted cram scones. £6 per head. If you want to spoil yourself, please book with Carol Walker on 01460 74808 or at cewalker@hotmail.co.uk.

BLACKDOWN: Blackdown Christmas Whist Drive at the Blackdown Village Hall, 7.30pm.

SEATON: Knit and Natter with Age UK Devon 1.30pm – 3.30pm at number one (1 Harepath Road). Wheelchair access available.

AXMINSTER: Marie Curie's Christmas Coffee Morning at Bradshaw Room at the Heritage Centre, 9am-12noon. Extra special tombola prizes include wine and gin. Fabulous cakes and interesting bric-a-brac.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 22ND

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits, raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 862866.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 26TH

CHARD: Dancing with the Dancing Duo Henry & Jeannie. Theme 'Boxing Day Special' (evening wear preferred), at Chard Guildhall. 8-11pm. Free parking. Bring your own snacks. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided. Pay on the door £6.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 27TH

SEATON: Call in for a cuppa and a chat with Age UK Devon 9.30 – 12 noon at number one (1 Harepath Road) Wheelchair access available.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 28TH

SEATON: Knit and Natter with Age UK Devon 1.30pm – 3.30pm at number one (1 Harepath Road). Wheelchair access available.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 31ST

YEOVIL: Yeovil Car Club's New Year's Day Meeting at Haselbury Mill. Just off A30 East of Crewkerne. TA18 7NY. 10am-2pm. Bring along your Vintage, Classic, Commercial, Sports or Grand Touring car. Hog roast and Licensed bar. No booking required. Only £ 2 per car. Great Cars, Great Company and Great Atmosphere.

SIDMOUTH: New Year's Eve Ball at Stowford CommunityCentre, 8pm-12.30am. £10. Evening wear preferred. Prize donations for charity draw welcomed.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3RD

COLYTON: Colyton, Colyford & District Memory Café 2pm to 4 pm, St John Hall, King St, Colyton.

COLYFORD: Women's Institute, 2pm in the Memorial Hall. The talk is a history of the mounted police. More information from Elizabeth on 01297 624250.

AXMINSTER: Axminster Roman Civilisation or Enslavement in East Devon? County Archaeologist Bill Horner uses county wide evidence of roads, iron workings, forts and camps to show how East Devon was fully integrated into The Roman Empire. Axminster Historical Society 7:30 The Bradshaw Meeting Room, Axminster Heritage Centre, Silver Street, EX13 5AH All Welcome.

THURSDAY JANUARY 4TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Folk Dance Club, St Bartholomew's Church Hall, Abbey St TA18 7HY. Dancing 8pm-10pm. £3.50 First visit free.

CHARD: Chard Camera Club will be meeting at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church Hall, Holyrood Street. In house Digitally Projected Image competition on the subjects of 'In the dark' and two 'Open subjects'. Anyone interested in joining the club and getting to use those unexpected Camera presents will be made most welcome if they would like to call in on the night. All other details can be found on their website www.chardcameraclub.org.uk or by ringing the membership secretary Joyce Partridge 01460 66885

FRIDAY JANUARY 5TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dance at the Victoria Hall from 1.45pm to 4pm. Tea and Biscuits.Raffle. £2 per person. More details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

SATURDAY JANUARY 6TH

SEATON: What's that bird? 11am to 1pm, Tower hide at Seaton Wetlands. Whatever your level of experience come and learn more about the birds found at Seaton Wetlands. A free event, no booking required. Find out more at wildeastdevon.co.uk

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SUNDAY JANUARY 7TH

MISTERTON: Crewkerne and District Twinning Association Twin Pie Lunch and Coffee/Tea at the WI Hall, Misterton. 12pm for 12.30pm, bring your own drinks. £10 per person to include 2 strips of raffle tickets for gifts from our friends in France. Book before January 2nd by calling 01460 75025 or 72926.

MONDAY JANUARY 8TH

AXMINSTER: Discover You Can Draw: An Axminster Heritage Craft day with informal and friendly help from local artist Marie Blake. The first of three sessions £4 each. Just bring a pencil! 2.00pm - 4.00pm Info or book: call 07969 804184 or 01297 639704. The Bradshaw Meeting Room, Axminster Heritage Centre, Silver Street, EX13 5AH

SEATON: Book and a Brew with FoSL (Friends of Seaton Library). 10.30-11.30am, Seaton Library Free tea/coffee, biscuits and chat. Everyone welcome.

TUESDAY JANUARY 9TH

COLYFORD: Bingo - Cash Prizes. In aid of Seaton Friends Hospiscare @ Home. Doors open 7pm - Eyes Down 7.45pm. Colyford Memorial Hall. Raffle and Refreshments. Ample free parking.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10TH

SEATON: Yoga with a Chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the Gateway, Fore St. Yoga for EVERYbody £5. All welcome. Just turn up! Contact: Yvonne 01297 20326 or email waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk for details.

THURSDAY JANUARY 11TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Folk Dance Club, St Bartholomew's Church Hall, Abbey St TA18 7HY. Dancing 8pm-10pm. £3.50 First visit free.

OFFWELL: Honiton & District Flower Club present Elizabeth Graham (National Demonstrator), Heralds of Spring at Offwell Village Hall EX14 9SB at 2.15pm. Members £5, Visitors £10. Refreshments available.

SEAVINGTON: Seavington Gardening Club - coffee and tea will be served before our speaker 'Claire Hart ' begins her talk at 7.30pm on ' How to prepare vegetables for showing The meeting will be held in Seavington Millennium Hall . Visitors are welcome £2 at the door. Enquiries to Karen Day 01460 929605.

CHARD: Chard Royal Naval Association AGM at the Chard Rugby Football Club, Essex Close. Membership of the association is not confined to former naval personnel and any person interested in joining would be made most welcome to join. For more details call secretary on 01460 77978

FRIDAY JANUARY 12TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dance at the Victoria Hall from 1.45pm to 4pm. Tea and Biscuits.Raffle. £2 per person. More details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

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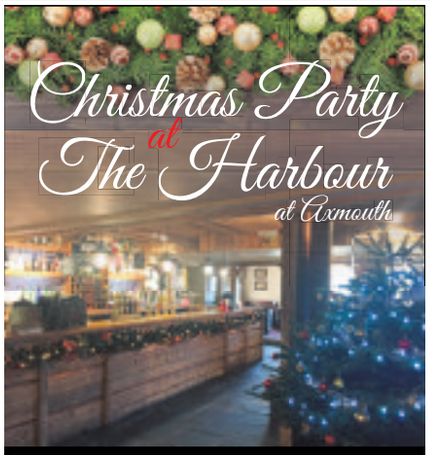

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This Is The Kit to play live in Lyme

THIS Is The Kit will play the Marine Theatre as the first date of an international tour. The playful indie folk band led by Paris-based songwriter Kate Stables (pictured inset) - has earned the adoration of peers including Guy Garvey, The National and Sharon van Etten. In the last year This is the Kit have performed live in session on BBC 6music and at festivals including Glastonbury.

The new album is on Rough Trade records, home to The Strokes and Jarvis Cocker; 'Moonshine Freeze' is undoubtedly their best to date, and is produced by John Parish (PJ Harvey, M Ward).

Moonshine Freeze is a beguiling mixture of musical sophistication and something more guileless - children's games, incantations and snatches of nursery rhymes.

This Is The Kit play at the Marine Theatre on Thursday, January 11th at 8pm. Tickets are £16, available to book at onine at www.marintheatre.com or by calling the box office on 01297 442138.

All of it is good"
★★★★ *Mojo Magazine on Moonshine Freeze*

Winter exhibition comes to Honiton

SOUTH West Academy Academicians and Associate Academicians have joined together for the third South West Academy Exhibition at Thelma Hulbert Gallery (THG) in Honiton.

The ever-popular Winter Exhibition will feature a new body of work including paintings, sculpture, prints and ceramics.

The Academy embraces artists from right across the South West region. This year's exhibition features amongst others, the work of artists from Cornwall such as Karen McEndoo to David Brooke in Dorset and the well-known Devon artist Ray Balkwill.

Living near Truro in Cornwall, Karen McEndoo often reflects both the North and South Cornish coastlines in her work. Karen's new abstract work 'Kendijack' features in the exhibition.

David Brooke's meticulously crafted artwork 'Stealing the Seven Birds of Wisdom' reflects one of his distinctive themes often originating from mythology, but embellished by his imagination.

David commented, "Although not based on any actual story, my pictures can create the feeling of a myth or folk-tale. What I am aiming for first and foremost, is an emotional response from my audience. The story elements are a device to draw people in."

East Devon-based, Ray Balkwill's watercolours, pastels and oils are much sought after. His paintings can be found in private collections and galleries all over the country as well as abroad. In 2006 he was elected an Academician in the South West Academy and has been a member of the St. Ives Society of Artists since 1999.

He is a strong advocate of painting en plein air and his main objective is to capture the mood and 'spirit' of a place. Living as he does on the coast, it is little wonder that the wide-open spaces of sea, estuary and sky have been the mainspring of his art.

Phil Creek, Chair of the South West Academy commented: "The members of The Academy are delighted to be exhibiting at The Thelma Hulbert Gallery, a jewel in the crown of East Devon culture, again in 2018. Now established as the first, and a major highlight in our exhibition calendar each year, our artists bring together some of their best work to adorn the walls and exhibition spaces at THG."

The exhibition continues until February 24th.

Barking Mad Dogs at The Beehive

MAD DOG MCREA return to The Beehive for their annual Christmas gig - roll up for another fun-fuelled gig at The Beehive on Thursday, December 21st at 8pm

For those that don't know, Mad Dog Mcrea are an energetic folk band from Plymouth, whose music blends a mixture of folk rock, pop, gypsy jazz and bluegrass!

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These two brilliant bands are guaranteed to give you a great Christmas kickstart!

Tickets are selling fast so make sure you book,via www.beehivehoniton.co.uk or by calling 01404 384050.

■ Mad Dog Mcrea

Teddy Thompson to play at the Marine Theatre

SON OF legendary folk musicians Linda and Richard Thompson, Teddy is an acclaimed singer-songwriter with a career that has consistently attracted critical praise. His music is part folk and part pop. The New York Times calls his work "beautifully finessed." Teddy released his first, self titled album in 2000.

In 2002, Thompson played a key role in drawing his mother out of a 17-year musical retirement to record her landmark disc Fashionably Late, which he played on and co-produced.

In 2008, Thompson released the upbeat and highly acclaimed, A Piece of What You Need, which was declared "one of this year's best" by The Guardian and debuted at #9 in the UK's pop charts. A fifth album, Bella, was released February 2011 to much acclaim and led to touring the world with Elton John among other things.

In 2014 Thompson gathered his musical clan to release Family, one of the folk records of the year which garnered a multi page, in depth piece from The New York Times.

This is an unusual opportunity to hear Teddy Thompson perform in a small venue.

Teddy Thompson plays at the Marine Theatre on Wednesday, January 31st at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 in advance, or £17 on the door. Advance tickets are available by calling 01297 442138 or visit the website at www.marinetheatre.com

■ Teddy Thompson

Marine Theatre seeking local musicians

THE Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis is looking for local musicians and DJs to perform at the theatre for its 2018 programme.

There are concerts being scheduled featuring many genres of music including classical, folk, reggae, and pop. There are opportunities for local musicians to support well known acts. For example, the acclaimed singer Cara Dillon is performing in February, and there is a slot for a local singer-songwriter to warm-up.

The venue is also looking for bands and singers to perform their own standalone gigs in the bar and auditorium.

Gabby Rabbitts, director of the Marine Theatre, said "We would like to support local musicians wherever we can. There are a lot of talented musicians in Dorset and Devon, and we would like to see them at the theatre".

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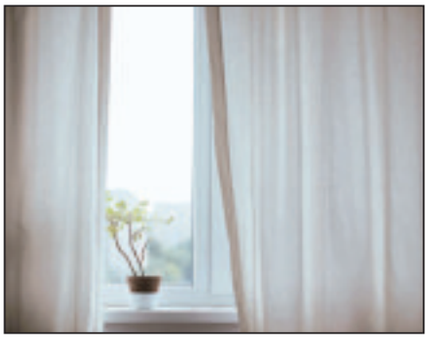

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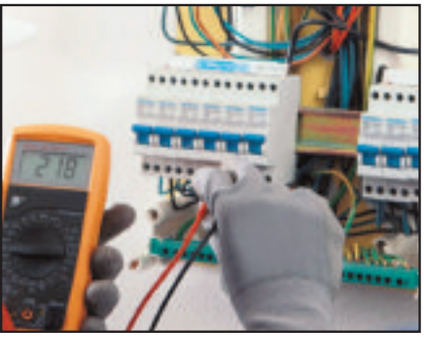

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NEW FIGURES from Go Ultra Low reveal that company car drivers could save around £7,376 by switching to a 100% electric car. This figure, calculated by comparing average electric and diesel models, includes a Benefit in Kind (BIK) rate saving of £3,974, in addition to an average £3,402 fuel saving over a typical three-year cycle of company car ownership.

New online cost comparison tools on www.goultralow.com provide fuel and tax cost savings for both company car drivers and private motorists. The cost calculators allow all new petrol and diesel engine cars to be compared side-by-side with every plug-in hybrid and 100% electric car from Go Ultra Low's supporting manufacturers Audi, BMW, Hyundai, Kia, Nissan, Renault, Toyota and Volkswagen.

Poppy Welch, Head of Go Ultra Low, said: "Businesses should not be put off by the upfront purchase price of electric vehicles, but should instead focus on the fantastic savings they offer over the life of the vehicle. However, we know that many questions and concerns still remain in regards to electric vehicles and their viability for business. That's why Go Ultra Low has developed a range of tools to offer businesses and drivers the information they need to choose the car that best suits their needs."

Further cost savings are available too, as Government grants provide up to £4,500 off the price of pure electric cars, £2,500 off the price of eligible plug-in hybrid cars, and up to £8,000 off the price of a new electric van. Consumers can also benefit from up to £500 off the cost of installing an electric chargepoint at their home. To make commuting in a plug-in car even more viable, businesses can also take advantage of the Workplace Charging Scheme, which provides grants of up to £300 per charging socket.

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UK Pricing and specification announced for new Mercedes Benz CLS

THE MERCEDES-BENZ CLS – which was unveiled recently at the LA Auto Show – is now available to buy with prices starting from £57,510 for the CLS 350 d 4MATIC AMG Line. The CLS 400 d 4MATIC AMG Line is priced from £60,410, while the petrol-powered CLS 450 4MATIC AMG Line is available from £57,610.

The 350 d and 400 d both come with a new in-line six-cylinder diesel engine. It produces 286 hp and 600 Nm in the 350 d and 340 hp and 700 Nm in the 400 d. The 350 d can sprint from 0 to 62 mph in 5.7 seconds, while the 400 d takes five seconds. Both have an electronically limited top speed of 155 mph. The 350 d can achieve 48.7 mpg (combined) and emits 156 g/km of CO_2. The 400 d delivers 47.9 mpg and emits 156 g/km of CO_2.

The 450 uses a new 3.0-litre in-line six-cylinder biturbo petrol engine, featuring Mercedes-Benz's innovative new EQ boost technology, consisting of a 48 volt inline starter generator. It has an output of 367 hp and 500 Nm of torque from the petrol engine, with an extra 250 Nm and 22 hp available thanks to the EQ boost system. It can travel from standstill to 62 mph in 4.8 seconds and has a top speed of 155 mph. It has a combined mpg of 36.2 and emits 184 g/km of CO2.

AMG Line is the only trim level available, and comes with comprehensive standard equipment including 19-inch alloy wheels; parking package, including reversing camera; leather upholstery; split folding rear seats (40:20:40); 12.3-inch infotainment screen with Audio 20 multimedia screen; 12.3-inch cockpit display; ambient lighting with a choice of 64 colours; Agility Control suspension; and DAB radio.

The Premium Plus equipment line is available for an additional £3,895, and includes Keyless Go Comfort package; Memory package, including electrically adjustable front seats and steering wheel; Burmester surround system; 360° camera; Comand Online infotainment system; and electric sliding sunroof.

The Comfort package can be specified in conjunction with Premium Plus and adds Air Balance; Air Body Control air suspension; Energizing comfort control package; and black nappa leather upholstery. The Comfort package costs £2,495.

Driving Assistance Plus package is optionally available for £1,695. The package contains the latest in driving assistance technology, as recently launched in the new Mercedes-Benz S-Class. The innovative system now features route-based speed adaptation – meaning the vehicle can detect upcoming juntions and roundabouts and adjust its speed accordingly.

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Revealed: The ten safest cars of the year

THATCHAM Research is today revealing the ten-car longlist for the hotly contested What Car? Safety Award 2018. As the panel of expert judges gather to decide on the year's safest car, their focus will be on emerging car safety technologies designed to prevent accidents.

This year, vehicles must have standard-fit Lane Keep Assist systems, to help avoid some of the most dangerous collision types seen on UK roads. All the top ten cars also have standard-fit Autonomous Emergency Braking systems, which operate at city and motorway speeds and can detect pedestrians. In addition, judges will give extra merit to vehicles with AEB systems that can identify cyclists and other vulnerable road users.

"The top ten safest cars of the year all have standard-fit Lane Keep Assist systems. These systems actively steer away from road edges and lane markings to prevent dangerous 'run-off road' and head-on accidents. With six per cent of A-Road crashes involving head-on collisions, this should be the next life-saving technology fitted by carmakers who want to signal their intent to prioritise driver safety," comments Matthew Avery, What Car? Safety Award panellist and director of research at Thatcham Research.

"Drivers buying a new car should expect AEB on their vehicle. It's now an essential standard-fit safety system, just like the seatbelt," says Avery. "And if the car doesn't have AEB? Walk away and find one which does."

The car safety tech to watch out for

The What Car? Safety Award judges will also examine the relative performance of differing AEB systems, and other car safety technologies such as:

Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC): As with AEB, ACC can use cameras, radar or lidar to determine the gap to the vehicle in front. Unlike normal cruise control, adaptive systems use the radar (or sometimes camera) to maintain a safe following distance, regardless of the speed set. Drivers that use ACC have been shown to have fewer collisions since it helps to condition the driver to maintain a safe distance to the car in front.

Blind Spot Indication System (BLIS): Stops drivers moving into the path of an overtaking vehicle that is hidden in the blind spot. It commonly uses radar, to sense the presence of another vehicle including motorcycles and will give a visual or audible warning - usually a light in the wing mirror or door pillar - to alert the driver. Some intervene by braking or steering back into lane. While only 3 per cent of motorway accidents involve one car pulling in front of another, at the high speeds of those roads the consequences can be disastrous.

Cyclist AEB: Vulnerable road users, including cyclists and pedestrians, account for 30 per cent of all fatalities or serious injuries across the EU each year. The smaller size and more erratic movement of cyclists compared with cars makes them harder for standard AEB systems to track. As with pedestrian AEB, cyclist detection systems use better sensors and algorithms to detect the presence of cyclists and respond to their movements. The performance of AEB systems in detecting cyclists is coming into Euro NCAP test protocols from 2018.

Driver Monitoring: Some systems can monitor and in turn warn the driver if they are distracted or have been inattentive for a prolonged period – and some which will pull the car over to the side of the road if the driver has not responded.

Rear Cross Traffic Alert: monitors an approaching vehicle from the side and warns the driver or applies the brakes to prevent them from reversing from a parking space into the path of another vehicle. 92[5] injuries occurred in 2016 as a direct result of reversing cars.

Avery continues: "The future of car safety is in the technology. A five-star Euro NCAP rating guarantees drivers a safe car. But some are still safer than others and this award is about celebrating those carmakers who continue to push the boundaries of safety, going above and beyond even the exacting levels that a five-star Euro NCAP rating demands."

The 10 safest cars of 2017

- Honda Civic
- Mercedes X-Class
- Subaru Impreza
- Subaru XV
- Toyota C-HR
- Vauxhall Insignia
- Volvo S90 / V90
- Volvo XC60
- VW Arteon
- VW T-Roc

Steve Huntingford, What Car? editor said, "It's great to see that big advances have been made in safety technology in 2017, with driver assistance systems becoming more sophisticated and even better at helping drivers to avoid a wider range of accidents. Consumers can be confident that they're buying the safest possible new car if they pick one from the top 10."

For more information about the cars under consideration for the award, and to learn more about buying safe cars and car safety technology, visit: www.thatcham.org/car-safety/what-car-safety-award/

■ The ten safest cars of the year

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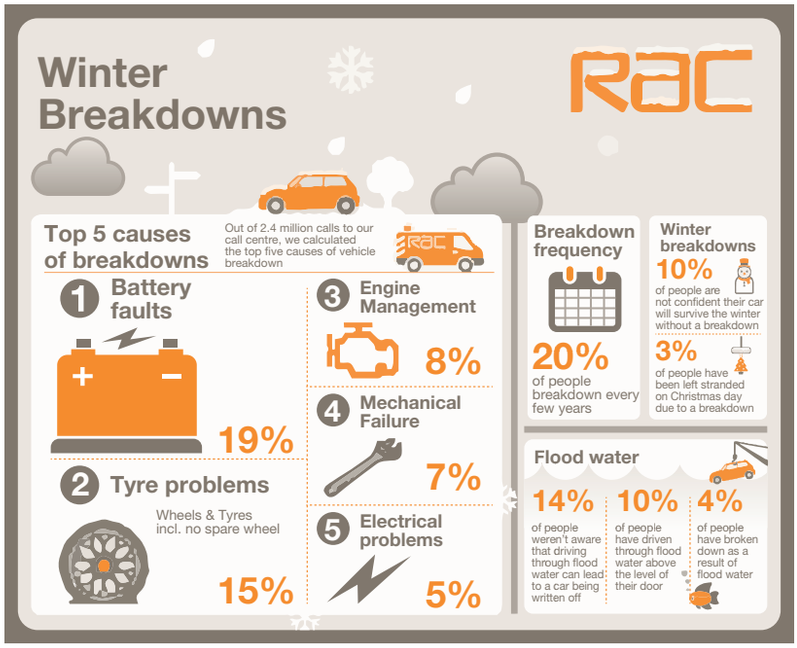

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Pricing and specification announced for new Mercedes-Benz S-Class Cabriolet

PRICES for the new S-Class Cabriolet have been revealed, starting at £115,910 for the S 560 AMG Line, with the Mercedes-AMG S 63 available from £140,610 and the AMG S 65 costing £197,510.

The new S-Class Cabriolet is the epitome of luxury motoring, mixing effortless performance with impressive refinement and a sumptuous interior. A sophisticated and well-insulated multi-layer folding soft-top gives the S-Class all-round usability, and folds electrically within 20 seconds.

In line with the S-Class Coupé range, the S 560 replaces the outgoing S 500, and introduces a new 4.0-litre biturbo V8 petrol unit (codename M176) which produces 469 hp and 700 Nm of torque, and is mated to a nine-speed automatic gearbox. It has an electronically limited top speed of 155 mph, and can sprint from 0 to 62 mph in 4.6 seconds. It emits 204 g/km of CO2, and delivers up to 31.4 mpg combined.

The AMG S 63 uses AMG's hand-built 4.0-litre twin-turbo petrol engine (codename M177), generating 612 hp and 900 Nm and powering the rear wheels via the AMG Speedshift MCT 9G-Tronic nine-speed gearbox. It emits 225 g/km of CO2 and can achieve up to 28.8 mpg on the combined cycle. The S 65 uses a hand-built 6.0-litre V12 petrol engine which has an output of 630 hp and 1000 Nm, emitting 272 g/km of CO2 and delivering 23.5 mpg.

Both cars are electronically limited to a top speed of 155 mph, unless specified with the optional AMG Driver's package which raises the top speed to 186 mph (S 63: £1,960; S 65: £765). The S 63 can travel from 0 to 62 mph in 4.2 seconds, while the S 65 takes just 4.1 seconds.

The S 560 – only available in AMG Line trim – comes as standard with Aircap; Airscarf; wireless phone charging; Airmatic air suspension; Comand Online, including 12.3-inch dual-bonded widescreen cockpit and infotainment display; Magic Vision Control wiper system; Intelligent Light system; Airscarf; Keyless Go Comfort package, include remote boot opening; Memory package, including electrically adjustable seats and steering wheel; ambient lighting with a choice of 64 colours; ventilated seats; Burmester surround sound system; Android Auto and Apple CarPlay; and 19-inch alloy wheels.

In addition to the standard equipment on S 560 AMG Line, the S 63 adds Seat Comfort package, including massage function; Driving Assistance package; AMG sports exhaust system; AMG sports suspension, based on Airmatic suspension; AMG sports seats finished in Nappa leather; AMG Panamericana grille; and 20-inch alloy wheels.

The S 65 comes as standard with the all-new Energizing Comfort package; Warmth Comfort package; Night View Assist Plus; Air Balance package; 360° camera; head-up display; Burmester high-end surround sound system; and Intelligent Light System with Swarovski crystals.

The Premium equipment line can be specified for £4,995 (only available on S 560), and includes Nappa leather upholstery; 360° camera; Warmth Comfort package; Front Seat Comfort package; Air Balance package; and Energizing Comfort package.

The Driving Assistance package – standard on S 63 and S 65 – is optionally available for £2,580 (£1,695 if specified with Premium equipment line). This includes the following driving assistance systems: Active Distance Assist Distronic; Active Steering Assist; Active Speed Limit Assist; Active Braking Assist; Evasive Steering Assist; Active Blind Spot Assist; Active Lane Keeping Assist; and Pre-Safe Plus. Route-based speed adaptation is now included, which enables the vehicle to slow down for upcoming junctions, roundabouts and toll roads.

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current tables

SW Penin D1E	Pld	GD	Pts
Newton Abbot Sp	17	20	36
Crediton Utd	17	12	32
Exeter University	18	13	31
Bovey Tracey	14	8	31
St Martins	15	3	28
Budleigh Saltertn	17	23	27
AXMINSTER	17	2	26
Torridgeside	12	15	23
Teignmouth	13	9	23
Sidmouth Town	19	-9	20
Brixham AFC	15	-3	18
Ilfracombe	13	-3	18
HONITON TOWN	17	-8	16
Galmpton & Rose'	17	-11	16
Appledore	15	-24	15
Liverton Utd	16	-23	11
Alphington	16	-24	11

D&E Prem (30)	Pld	GD	Pts
Elmore	11	49	33
Newtown	15	40	32
Cronies	12	43	27
Upottery	13	8	24
Okehampton Arg	11	11	23
Exwick Villa	11	9	21
Witheridge Res	12	4	19
Exmouth Tn Res	10	5	18
Beer Albion	14	-6	17
Newton St Cyres	12	-10	14
Heavitree Utd	12	0	13
Clyst Valley	16	-33	12
Feniton	13	-20	9
Hatherleigh Town	12	-31	6
Topsham Town	12	-32	6
Seaton Town	12	-37	5

D&E Div 1 (24)	Pld	GD	Pts
Exeter Univ Res	12	23	28
Lyme Regis	13	7	23
Colyton	7	22	19
Lapford	10	10	19
Chard Town Res	11	-10	18
Cullompton Res	11	15	18
Perry Street	8	12	14
Sidmouth Res	8	4	13
Chagford	10	1	13
Heavitree Res	9	-12	11
Bickleigh	9	-12	9
Wellington Res	12	-31	4
Alphington Res	12	-29	3

D&E Div 2 (28)	Pld	GD	Pts
Bampton	12	32	30
Woodbury	14	17	29
Exeter Univ 3rds	13	10	25
Bow AAC	14	3	21
Newtown Res	16	-8	21
Uplowman Ath	13	8	17
Kentisbeare	9	4	16
Axminster Res	16	-7	16
Thorverton	9	4	15
Dawlish FC	10	-5	13
Honiton Town Res	10	1	12
Axmouth Utd	10	-6	12
East Budleigh	14	-16	11
Newton Popp	11	-24	6
Halwill	9	-13	5

D&E Div 3 (26)	Pld	GD	Pts
Priory	16	22	36
Crediton Utd Res	13	54	32
Exeter Univ 4ths	11	29	30
Tipton St John	11	12	25
Royal Oak	10	16	19
Sandford	13	-1	18
Budleigh Salt Res	17	-30	18
Otterton	12	-1	15
Tedburn St Mary	13	-14	14
Ottery St Mary	11	-10	13
Countess Wear	16	-15	13
Lympstone	13	-24	10
Pinhoe	13	-28	7
Clyst Valley Res	9	-10	6

D&E Div 4 (24)	Pld	GD	Pts
Winchester	13	17	32
North Tawton	13	36	31
Whipton & Pinhoe	9	42	27
Exeter Univ 5ths	12	35	27
Newton SC Res	11	6	21
Alphington 3rds	14	-4	18
Feniton Res	14	-20	15
Beer Albion Res	11	8	13
Sampford Pev	12	-28	10
Starcross Gen	12	-41	9
Teignmouth Res	11	-11	8*
Winkleigh	12	-25	8*
St Martins Res	10	-15	6

D&E Div 5 (26)	Pld	GD	Pts
Lyme Regis Res	11	20	25
Halwill Res	11	13	25
Black Swan Town	8	28	19
Elmore Res	6	24	18
Hemyock	11	8	18
Central FC	11	15	17
Exwick Village	9	20	16
Millwey Rise	8	18	16
Ilminster Res	14	-10	16*
Culm Utd	12	3	15
Awliscombe	11	-6	10
Westexe Park	11	-20	7
Dunkeswell Rov	11	-40	6
Offwell Rangers	12	-73	-1*

football around the East Devon clubs

Win double for proud Popples

Seaton Town ship seven ♦ Tigers on top in Ax derby ♦ Farway warm up for Cup Final with win

Saturday, December 16th
SW Peninsula League (D1E)
Galmpton & Roselands 1
Axminster Town 1

JAMIE Barfoot's fourth goal in six matches secured a fully deserved point for Axminster who now seventh in the table.

The hosts had the early sighters with Ax keeper Scott Wells-Burr doing well to deny Tom Dunlop in a one-on-one opportunity.

They went close again just before half time with a Dexter Allworth header that struck the crossbar.

The deadlock was broken in the 55th minute when Dunlop fired the hosts in front but the Tigers responded well and Barfoot was in the right place to poke the ball home from a corner 15 minutes from time.

Ax player-manager Jon Hurford was reasonably pleased with his side's showing, he told ***View Sport***: "I'm happy with the point. It was probably a fair reflection of the game.

"Conditions were very heavy underfoot which proved to be a great leveller. We created some decent chances but lacked a clinical finish.

"To come away with a point is a good effort. We look forward to the Christmas fixtures and will be trying to climb up the table."

First up is Saturday's big local derby at home against Sidmouth Town (3pm)

Axminster*: Scott Wells-Burr, Dan Beer, George Chlopecki, Shaun Wells-Burr, Charley Skilton, Aaron Daniels, Darren Hutchings, Jonny Hurford, Jamie Barfoot, Tony Pinder, Oscar Latas. Subs: Craig Every, Joe Urquart, Mark Smale, Lewis Burridge.*

Honiton Town P-P
Bovey Tracey

MOUNTBATTEN Park pitch waterlogged.

Honiton visit Teignmouth next Saturday (3pm).

Millwey Rise Res 8
Amory Green Res 1
Devon & E Division Eight

THE visitors surprised Millwey with a fifth minute goal but from this point Millwey took control Sam Turner brought a great save from Amory's keeper before Stuart King equalised with a delicate lob *writes Dick Sturch*.

Sam Burke, making a welcome return after a long lay off through injury, then had a vicious shot well saved. King replicated his first goal to put Rise' in front 2-1 after 25 minutes.

Ten minutes later Alex Rocket ran through the visitors defence to lash home the third . Tyler Allen then rattled the post as Millwey continued to dominate.

Millwey kept up an incessant attack on the visitors goal. Amory's keeper made two great saves in quick succession to deny both sub Dave Bridges and Burke. He was eventually beaten when a pass from Burke found Mark Pipe who swept the ball home.

The same player then provided a great cross for King to head home for his hat trick.

A Burke penalty made it 5-1 before Sam Turner gave way to Harry Thresher who took very little time to make an impression as he drilled a shot past the keeper from a King assist.

Allen eventually got on the score sheet to score the seventh and Pike rounded off the scoring with his second and Millwey's eigth.

This was a game Millwey dominated and in reality should have won by double figures but for some glaring misses.

Wayne Jenkins must have felt the odd man out in a solid back four containing brothers Alex, Matt and James Rocket. Sam Burke made his presence felt in midfield on his way back to full fitness.

Round-up
by Collin Goodwin

SPREYTON village has never had its own football team until this season, yet the ambitious newly-formed outfit will end 2017 as Division Seven top dogs.

An emphatic 8-0 victory at Kenn Valley United with goals from Chris Down (3), Liam Ward (2), Matt Baker, Kieran Statton and Cameron Pow goals edged Spreyton into pole position on goal difference from Sidmouth Town, whose match against Honiton was one of 29 matches postponed because of waterlogging.

Meanwhile, newly-promoted Cronies ended an amazing year on yet another winning note as they routed Premier Division's bottom side Seaton Town 7-0 at Colyford Road.

The Topsham-based team were just too strong for the Seasiders with goals coming from Jamie Vaughan-Ryall (2), Liam Carey, James Fanson, Danny Pym, Dan Gale and Mike Benyon.

However, clinical Cronies still trail leaders Elmore and second-spot Newtown who were both without a match.

Exwick Villa were able to finally play a first-ever game on their new 3G pitch atEnnerdale Road, although they had to battle to wrest the points away from visiting Hatherleigh Town.

The North Devon side struck first through Ryan Davey, but Mark Saunders pulled Villa level by the break and then Levin Edwardson grabbed their second-half winner in a tight 2-1 win.

Okehampton Argyle beat Feniton 4-1 in the other Premier match played. A Tallon Burns penalty and an own goal got them going eventually before two Ben Bickle strikes made it safe. Fenny grabbed their goal too late to change the outcome.

Lyme Regis had their challenge for Division One honours badly dented following a 4-0 defeat at cross-boundary Somerset neighbours Perry Street where Sam Rowswell (2), Dan Collins and Steve Every scored the goals.

One other match played saw Chard Town Reserves just getting the better of Alphington 3-2 after being 2-0 down.

Bampton won at mid-table Dawlish 2-1 to stay ahead of the field in Division Two, although Woodbury remain hot on their heels after winning 3-1 at home against Bow AAC, whose Alex Bowden scored their only goal.

Theo Hill and Asa Sandman scored the Axmiouth United consolations in a 3-2 defeat in the derby at Axminster Town Reserves. Luis Pinto, Sam Dibling and Gary Macauley (pen) netted for the Tigers.

Newtown Poppleford were 2-1 down at home to Newtown but recovered to win 4-2 thanks to Mark Pavey's hat trick and a single frm Miroslaw Damaslewicz.

East Budleigh and Uplowman Athletic, whose Phil Greenslade, Brad Newberry and Jordan Copp netted, drew 3-3 in a hectic game.

It also finished 3-3 in the Division Three match between Clyst Valley and Sandford, while Budleigh Salterton pipped Pinhoe 3-2 in their clash with Ben Haycock (2) and Ollie Henton scoring for the Robins.

Ottery St Mary won 1-0 at home to Countess Wear Dynamoes and Otterton drew 2-2 with Tedburn St Mary, Lee Mitchell getting both goals for the Otters.

Just one match survived the weather in Division Four as St Martins edged past Alphington 3-2.

In Division Five lowly Dunkeswell Rovers overcame a very good Hemyock side 3-2, prompting referee Maurice Beckenham to report that he had been "massively impressed" with the Dunks' attitude and endeavours following last week's 12-1 thumping at Exwick.

Lyme Regis Reserves convincingly beat Central 6-0 in the other game played in this division and take over top spot on goal difference. Steve Batey netted a hat-trick with Harvey Brimicombe (2) and Fred Thomson grabbing the others.

Queens Head were chopped 4-0 by Exmouth Spartans, so missing an opportunity to see the New Year in as Division Six leaders.

Upottery won 4-0 at Silverton who were denied an early goal but got over their disappointment to play their part in a brilliantly-contested encounter.

Newton Poppleford made it a double celebration for the club by winning their Division Seven match at Chagford 2-1 with goals frm Ross Chatwood and James Hiscox.

Okehampton Argyle took over as Division Eight leaders after their 5-1 victory at Central; Pinhoe overcame Otterton 3-1.

The League has a threadbare schedule next Saturday and after that there are no further matches until the New Year.

RESULTS
Saturday 16 December

PREMIER
Exwick Villa 2 Hatherleigh Town 1
Newton St Cyres -pp- Clyst Valley
Okehampton Argyle 4 Feniton 1
Seaton Town 0 Cronies 7
Topsham Town -pp- Beer Albion
Upottery -pp- Heavitree United

Division 1
Bickleigh -pp- Lapford
Chard 3 Alphington 2
Colyton -pp- Sidmouth Town
Heavitree Utd -pp- Cullompton
Perry Street 4 Lyme Regis 0

Division 2
Axminster Town 3 Axmouth United 2
Dawlish 1 Bampton 2
East Budleigh 3 Uplowman Ath 3
Kentisbeare -pp- Honiton Town
Newton Poppleford 4 Newtown 2
Thorverton -pp- Halwill
Woodbury 3 Bow AAC 1

Division 3
Budleigh Salterton 3 Pinhoe 2
Clyst Valley 3 Sandford 3
Lympstone 0 Crediton United 9
Otterton 2 Tedburn St Mary 2
Ottery St Mary 1 Countess Wear 0
Tipton St John -pp- Royal Oak

Division 4
Feniton -pp- Starcross Generals
Newton St Cyres -pp- Beer Albion
Sampford Peverell -pp- Winkleigh
St Martins 3 Alphington 2
Whipton & Pinhoe -pp- Teignmouth
Winchester -pp- North Tawton

Division 5
Culm United -pp- Exwick Village
Dunkeswell Rovers 2 Hemyock 3
Elmore -pp- Awliscombe
Halwill -pp- Millwey Rise
Ilminster Town -pp- Black Swan
Lyme Regis 6 Central 0
Westexe Park -pp- Offwell Rangers

Division 6
Bampton -pp- Wellington
Bravehearts -pp- Sidmouth Town
Exmouth Spartans 4 Queens Head 0
Silverton 0 Upottery 4

Division 7
Amory Green -pp- Witheridge
Bradninch Town -pp- Colyton
Chagford 1 Newton Poppleford 2
Exeter United -pp- Willand XI
Kenn Valley United 0 Spreyton 8
Lapford -pp- Kentisbeare

Division 8
Central 1 Okehampton Argyle 5
Cheriton Fitz -pp- East Budleigh
Millwey Rise 8 Amory Green R1
Pinhoe 3 Otterton 1
Sandford -pp- Culm United
Sidmouth Town -pp- Honiton Town
Tedburn St Mary -pp- Thorverton

FIXTURES
Saturday December 23rd

PREMIER
Seaton Town v Cronies
DIVISION 1
Alphington v Chagford
Colyton v Wellington Town
DIVISION 2
Bow AAC v Bampton
Kentisbeare v Dawlish
DIVISION 3
Clyst Valley v Otterton
DIVISION 5
Elmore v Black Swan Town
DIVISION 6
Cranbrook v Bampton
DIVISION 7
H T Dons v Newton Poppleford
DIVISION 8
Honiton Town v Otterton

PERRY STREET LEAGUE

FARWAY United moved up to second in the Division One table after a 3-1 win at Uplyme.

After a goal less first half Uplyme took the lead though Lorkan Hankin's 20-yarder but the Farway were level two minutes later with a deflected Ernie Stobbs free kick.

Cup final ahead

The visitors took the lead through another deflected effort this time from Dan Baily who scored his second and Farway's third two minutes from time in a perfect warm-up for the **Division One Cup final** against Waytown Hounds at Kingsbury (TA12 6BB) on December 30th (3pm).

Meanwhile, Hawkchurch failed to raise a team for the scheduled trip to Waytown Hounds.

current tables

D&E Div 6 (20)	Pld	GD	Pts
Sidmouth 3rds	9	34	24
Queens Head	11	16	23
Bravehearts	10	15	19
Exmouth Spart	11	9	19
Cranbrook	8	13	14
Upottery Res	9	6	14
Wellington A	11	-12	12
Bampton Res	8	-10	10
Cheriton Fitzp	8	-10	9
Silverton	12	-24	9
Seaton Town Res	13	-37	2*

D&E Div 7 (24)	Pld	GD	Pts
Spreyton	12	34	28
Amory Green	13	33	28
Witheridge 3rds	11	12	24
Bradninch Town	13	11	24
Lapford Res	11	2	17
Exeter Utd A	9	7	16
Willand XI	12	-2	16
Kentisbeare Res	11	15	14
Chagford Res	10	-1	13
Colyton Res	12	-15	12
Newton Popp Res	12	-21	11
HT Dons	12	-32	7
Kenn Valley Utd	14	-43	7

D&E Div 8 (28)	Pld	GD	Pts
Okehampton Res	12	32	28
Sidmouth 4ths	12	12	26
Thorverton Res	10	27	25
E.Budleigh Res	14	9	20
Pinhoe Res	14	6	20
Tedburn Res	10	15	19
Honiton 3rds	9	14	19
Culm Utd Res	10	9	19
Ch. Fitz Res	12	5	19
Otterton Res	11	11	18
Central Res	16	-16	18
Millwey Rise Res	10	3	9*
Sandford Res	9	-24	4
Amory Green	15	-50	4
Bradninch Villa	12	-53	4

P Str Prem (20)	Pld	GD	Pts
Barrington	8	31	22
Merriott Rovers	7	17	21
South Petherton	8	13	19
W & M Chinnock	9	12	17
Chard Utd	10	5	13
Winsham Utd	10	0	13
Shepton Beau	9	10	12
Misterton	7	9	12
Netherbury	9	-35	6
Pymore	6	-22	0
Combe Res	9	-40	0

P Street D1 (18)	Pld	GD	Pts
Halstock	7	35	19
Farway Utd	8	13	17
Ilminster Colts	8	5	16
Hawkchurch Utd	7	8	13
Waytown Hounds	7	5	13
Forton Rangers	6	4	12
Uplyme	7	-7	7
Perry Street Res	9	-14	7
Shepton Beau Res	8	-17	4
Chard Rangers	9	-32	1

Perry St D2 (20)	Pld	Gd	Pts
Thorncombe	9	22	23
Charmouth	8	12	19
Forton Res	10	12	19
Dowlish & Don	10	4	16
Misterton Res	6	10	13
Crewkerne Rang	6	7	12
Chard Utd Res	9	-10	8
Kingsbury	9	-2	7
Combe A	8	-23	7
Winsham Utd Res	9	-24	4
S.Petherton Res	8	-8	3

Perry St D3 (18)	Pld	GD	Pts
Ilminster Town A	10	29	27
Donyatt Utd	11	23	26
Merriott Dynamos	6	7	15
Crew Rang Res	9	-1	15
Farway Utd Res	9	-2	13
Lyme Rovers	8	10	11
Netherbury Res	10	7	10
Thorncombe Res	10	-19	10
Chard Rang Res	9	-26	6
Chard Utd AS	10	-28	1

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tee off golf news

Rain hits Honiton

AXE CLIFF *with Peter Motson*
THE Seniors played their December Medal match last Friday and the winner with a nett 68 points was Steve Gibson.

After countback Dave Weston took 2nd with 71 and Paul McGuire was 3rd also with 71. Steve Gibson, Gerry Turner, Rob Heard and John Mant all carded 2s.

The annual Albert Skinner Silver Salver competition in honour of a great stalwart of the Club was postponed and will probably be played in the New Year.

HONITON *with Liz Rogers*
THE weather well and truly put paid to all golf last week with the exception of the Tuesday Mixed group who found a fortunate window from the rain fopr the annual Bring and Win Greensomes competition.

In first place were Penny Blackburn & Mike Delaney who scored 27 points. In second place place were Vera Richardson & Barry Rogers who also scored 27 but lost out on countback. Third place went to Sue Ritchie & Phil Wall with 24.

Meanwhile, 40 ladies attended the annual Christmas lunch. Guests of Honour were the Club Captain Julian Netherway and Seniors Captain Mike Sennitt.

Prior to the lunch a representative of two of the charities supported by the Club this year-Dementia Alliance and Honiton Memory Cafe, gave a short presentation of the work done and also that a fund had been started to support the role of an Admiral Nurse.

The Club presented a cheque of £1000 to each charity to help in the continuation of their valuable work in the local community.

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Chard 50 Burnham 12
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HAVING suffered a hammering at Torquay a week ago, Chard bounced back with a comprehensive win against basement side Burnham and scored eight tries in the process, five of which were converted by fly half Charlie Roberts.

It took Chard a bit of time to get going and several opportunities were missed in the opening quarter with the ball either being held up over the line or being carelessly knocked-on.

However ,the breakthrough came after 25 minutes when Luke Hill crossed the whitewash for a converted try.

This score visibly lifted Chard and within a short time prop Liam Mustchin had crossed for the second try and Chard were suddenly ahead 14-0.

In time added on in the first half Max Gosden, who was returning to the side after recovering from injury, scored the third try which was again successfully goaled by Roberts.

Chard made a few changes at the break and one of the replacements Tom Monaghan crashed over for the bonus point try which was again converted to make it 28-0

The game was now totally beyond Burnham but they continued to battle and they were rewarded with an opportunist try from Ryan Beard after Chard skipper Ryan Helliar had lost the ball in the tackle.

However, his was only a temporary respite for Burnham as within minutes Chard hooker Joe Mainwaring, who has impressed in his first full season as a senior player, crossed for another try.

Captain Helliar then scored a terrific try after some lovely passing and interchanges with replacement James Twigg. The try was converted to take Chard up to the 40pt mark and it was not long before winger Ryan Wingate got on the score sheet with an unconverted try which was created by a delicate kick over the Burnham defence by Roberts. Wingate spotted the opportunity to pick up and score.

Burnham had certainly not given up and Jake Harding crossed for a converted try.

But Chard had the last word when Ross Colenso broke down the left and touched down in the corner to seal a very good win.

Chard coach Jim Wagstaff will be very pleased with and an improved performance but not the number of penalties that his team keep giving away.

◆ **MADE IT:** Joe Mainwaring scores for Chard. *Photo by* ***JAMES BROWN PHOTOGRAPHY***

The team now have a two week break and start their league programme in the new year with two trips to Devon playing at Kingsbridge on January 6th and Crediton on January 13th and Wagstaff will no doubt be looking for improved away performances.

Chard: Stead, Wingate, Helliar(capt), B.Biss, Roberts, Szydelko, Herbert, Hyslop, Mainwaring, Mustchin, Johnson, Lewis, Hill, J Wright, Gosden. Replacements (all used) Twigg, Colenso, Monaghan.

A depleted Chard 2nd xv were well beaten 78-5 by league leaders Castle Cary while the Chard 3rd xv game at Yatton was cancelled.

The traditional Crewkerne Vets v Chard Vets game will take place on Boxing day.

Chard Ladies 22 Winscombe 43

CHARD began this fixture with a squad of 25, that not only showed the great growth in the club, but also resulted in Winscombe being able to borrow players.

The game started with the home side camped in the Winscombe 22 but the away defence was very strong, and after 13 minutes a breakaway try saw the visitors take the lead, the speed of some of the Winscombe wings were to prove decisive as the match wore on.

Chard continued to dominate in the scrums, but once again struggled in the lineout.

The visitors extended their lead to 14-0 and the Chard's defense was tested to the limit, with strong tackling across the team. Winscombe finally took the option to come away with three points from a penalty in front of the posts.

But on the stroke of half time Jade Watts dived over to make the half time score 5-17.

The second half followed the same pattern as the first, early pressure from Chard ended with a Winscombe score under the posts.

Chard finally turned pressure into points, with Chelsea Bale scoring after a strong scrum to bring the score 10-24.

A period of open attacking play resulted in a series of tries by both sides due to strong running against tiring defenses. A hat trick of tries by Winscombe's flying winger Lillie Podedesz were countered by two excellent tries from Chard; Beth Kelly made a storming run through the heart of the midfield to score, and with the final move of the match a slick back move saw Sarah Kneeshaw tear through to score which was followed by a successful conversion by Georgia Adams.

The Chard player of the match was the outstanding Emma Harris.

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Cox pips victory

TEN members held a match at a private pond on Sunday.

It was hard going for the majority although Rob Cox made the most of favoured peg 1 to win comfortably with 42lb of mainly carp on the pole and corn.

Karl Aplin was second with 18lb 7oz from peg 2 and Bill Hopping took third with 12lb 13oz from peg 7.

Jamie Rich needed just 5oz of rudd to win the silvers pool by default from peg 6.

The club would like to thank the Hebditch family for use of their pond and also to the anglers who raised £70 for the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association.

The last match of 2017 is round seven of the IBC League on Sunday, December 31st, the draw will be at Ilminster Bowling Club between 8.30 and 9am. Names to Steve Hurford or Jamie Rich please.

on the fronter skittles round-up

COLYTON

Div 1: Cloakham A 391 (A Beer 75) Vine B 354 (D Pratt 63); New Inn A 348 (R Webb 67) Red Lion Cavaliers 342 (W Phillips 69); Lamb B 308 (B Dicks 63) Axminster Con A 310 (B Stuckey 59); Seaton FC A 357 (M Searle 66) Gerrard A 361 (H Hawkins, M Johnson 68); Tuckers Arms B 337 (D Coombes 62) Volunteer A 379 (S Charlton, N Pulman 67); Offwell A 379 (J Lockyer 69) Honiton Con D 435 (M Wheaton 82).

Div 2: Dolphin Vikings 375 (A Parkhouse 67) Gerrard B 405 (j Tucker 77); Honiton Converts 383 (S Lapping 67) Cloakham B 419 (P Bevis 80); Vine A 344 (C Maher 63) Colcombe A 316 (G Parsons 58); Sidbury Lions 326 (A Williams 58) Sidmouth FC 325 (R Chambers 65); Old Inn A 326 (K Morley 61) Lamb A 354 (D Webb 67); Vine Nomads 360 (P Norman 72) Eagle Tavern 356 (B Hutchings 77).

Div 3: Colcombe Beerboys 426 (M Adkin 90) Wilmington Harts 396 (M Goss 79); Kings Arms Beers 278 (S Somers 61) Heathfield A 332 (D Crabb 68); Volunteer B 307 (N Broom 61) Three Tuns BTP 300 (L Bourne 53); Mountbatten Whites 353 (P Bonetta 64) Red Lion Sidbury 339 (P Warren 66); Cloakham Wanderers 394 (G Hayball 96) Tuckers A 355 (D Dower 65); White Hart B v Kingfisher A no card in.

Div 4: Colcombe B 421 (T Yates 78) Kings Arms A 428 (K Cook 83); Honiton ConArtists 376 (Debbie Soan 76) Tuckers Arms C 347 (M Collier 73); Rising Sun B 346 (N Curtin 61) New Inn B 331 (D Hodder 64); Honiton WMC B 316 (J Smith 57) Colyton Club B 330 (J Richards 60); Axminster Inn A v Colcombe Nomads (Nomads failed to show, points awarded to Ax Inn A); Seaton FC B v bye; Ship A v Honiton Con A (no card in).

Div 5; Wilmington Spares 378 (M Denslow 85) Dolphin Dolls 373 (R Johns 72); Rousdon Club 284 (D Purrington 54) Millwey Misfits 321 (W Jenkins 67); Kingfisher B 281 (C Solway, A Hurford 50) White Hart A 279 (S Hallworth 58); Heathfield B 336 (M Glaeser 68) Offwell B 388 (S Scotland 77); Sidmouth Arms Kings 369 (O Fuller 79) Hook & Parrot Smugglers 326 (G Stapleton 62).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Axe Con A	11	18
Cloakham A	11	16
Colyton Club A	11	15
Hon Con D	11	14
Volunteer A	11	13
New Inn A	11	12
Gerrard A	12	12
Lamb B	11	11
Vine B	11	9
Seaton FC A	11	7
Red Lion Cavs	11	6
Tuckers Arms B	11	6
Offwell A	11	5

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Cloakham B	11	16
Eagle Tavern	12	16
Gerrard B	11	14
Lamb A	11	12
Vine A	11	12
Vine Nomads	11	12
Sidbury Red Lions	10	10
Dolphin Vikings	11	10
Hon WMC A	11	10
Hon Converts	11	10
Sidmouth FC	11	8
Old Inn A	10	7
Colcombe A	11	5

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Kingfisher A	10	16
Colcombe Beerboys	11	14
Mountbatt' Whites	11	14
Rising Sun A	11	14
Tuckers Arms A	11	12
Volunteer B	11	12
Wilm Harts	12	12
Heathfield A	11	11
Red Lion Sidbury	11	10
White Hart B	10	7
Cloakham Wand	11	7
Kings Arms Beers	11	6
Three Tuns BTP	11	6

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Colyton Club B	11	20
Axe Inn A	11	14
Rising Sun B	11	14
Tuckers Arms C	11	14
Seaton AFC B	11	11
Ship A	11	10
Colcombe B	11	10
Colcombe Nomads	11	10
New Inn B	11	10
Hon Con A	10	8
Hon WMC B	12	8
Kings Arms A	11	7
Hon Con Artists	11	6

Division Five	Pld	Pts
Offwell B Rejects	11	16
Dolphin Dolls	10	12
Hook Parrotts	10	12
Kingfisher B	10	12
Millwey Misfits	10	12
Wilmington Spares	10	12
White Hart A	10	10
Rousdon Club	10	8
Sidmth Arms Kings	10	8
Tuckers Arms D	10	8
Hook Smugglers	10	6
Heathfield B	11	6

AXMINSTER

Men's Div 1: Thorncombe B 349 (S Staples 71) v Ax Con Rebels 397 (M Summers 71) Thorncombe Drifters 374 (C Wyatt 85) v Thorncombe A 387 (R Maber 76) Wootton Sherberts 358 (L Baker 67) v Tuckers C 318 (S Hembrow 62) Kingfisher Feds 309 (J Chaplyn P Squire C Challis 55) v Lamb Spartans 298 (G Hayball 53) B & G's 441 (M Enticott 85) v Green Army 392 (R Chapple 85) Red Lion D 364 (J Ellis D Herbert J Hoole 63) v Red Devils 413 (G Fisher 78) Sidmouth Arms 329 (D Patch 63) v Wootton Cowboys 374 (S Forsey 73)

Div 2: Ax Inn Jokers 346 (A Churchill 70) v Thorncombe C 323 (C Upham 58) Ax Con A 277 (B Styles 51) v Gerrard A 307 (R Collier 57) W H Warriors 316 (M McGarrigle 62) v New Inn A 322 (A Rees 63) Ax Inn B 342 (R Bebb 69) v Colcombe A 339 (F Batten 67) New Inn C 322 (M Farmer 58) v Old Inn Kilm A 338 (P Powell 63) Tuckers Maggots 348 (C Hembrow 71) v Gerrard D 363 (D Randall 76)

Div 3: Lamb 49rs 340 (J E 65) v Ax Inn A 291 (T Pratt 54) Lamb A 305 (N Ives D Jones 56) v Kings Arms Seaton 310 (K Massey 62) WH Wilm B 362 (T Welsh 66) v Ax FCHalfcuts 367 (N Herrod 78)

Div 4: New Inn Hawks 322 (D Rowe 61) v Tuckers Y 321 (R Burrough 63) Gerrard C 297 (R Potter 55) v Seaton BC 324 (R Pluck D Millard 58) Colcombe B 401 (M Loud 79) v Colcombe Nomads 443 (S Cross 83) Ax FC B 388 (I Churchill 76) v Tuckers Old Boys 354 (M Stevens 66).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Red Lion RD	13	20
Ax Con Club Rebels	13	18
B&Gs	13	16
Wooton Cowboys	13	16
Thorncombe A	13	16
Sidmouth Arms	13	16
Wooton Sherberts	12	12
The Feds	13	12
Lamb Spartans	13	12
Red Lion D	13	12
Green Army	13	10
Tuckers C	13	8
Thorn Drifters	12	6
Thorncombe B	13	6

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Old Inn Kilm A	13	18
New Inn Kilm C	13	18
Axe Inn Jokers	13	16
Gerrard D	13	16
Tuckers Maggots	13	16
Thorncombe C	13	16
Axminster Inn B	13	15
Axe Con Club A	13	13
White Hart Wilm	12	12
New Inn Kilm A	13	10
Colcombe A	13	9
Useless Tuckers	12	9
Gerrard A	13	8
W Hart Warriors	13	4

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Gerrard B	11	20
Kings Arms Seaton	12	16
Lamb A	12	14
Old Inn Kilm B	11	13
Lamb 49s	11	13
Axminster FC IV	10	12
Lamb Shanks	11	12
Ax Fc Halfcuts	12	10
Axminster Inn A	12	10
King Wingers	10	8
White Hart Wilm B	12	8
Axminster FC A	11	6
Cloakham Stars	11	4

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Colcombe B	11	16
Ship Rotary	11	15
Colcombe Nomads	11	12
Axminster FC B	11	12
Tuckers Y	11	12
New Inn B	11	12
New Inn Hawks	9	10
Kingfisher A	11	10
Seaton BC	10	8
Gerrard C	9	8
Bev's Boys	8	7
Tuckers OB	9	0

Ladies League

Div 1: Colcombe A 355 (S Newton 64) v Cloakham A 398 (W Kiy 75) Hook n Parrot 303 (B Thompson 53) v Gerrard A 272 (W Bromich 59) Tuckers B 317 (D Jowett S Cooper 54) v WotNots 335 (A Williams 67).

Div 2: Seaton FC 322 (L Smitham 66) v Tuckers A 326 (L Gould 71) Gerrard Guzzlers 303 (M Smith 57) v Colcombe B 343 (C Griffith 70).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Cloakham A	11	16
Wotnots	11	15
Axe Inn A	10	14
Red Lion A	11	14
Tuckers Arms B	11	12
Colcombe A	11	12
Bees Knees	11	12
Rousdon Ladies	11	10
Seaton BC	11	9
New Inn B	11	8
Colcombe Girls	11	8
New Inn A	11	6
Gerrard A	11	6

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Gerrard Guzzlers	10	16
Thorncombe A	10	14
Colcombe B	8	12
Red Lion Rabble	9	12
Tuckers Arms A	11	10
Thorncombe Newtops	9	8
White Hart Wilm A	9	8
Seaton FC	10	8
Colcombe Angels	9	8
Battle Axes (Ax FC)	10	8
B&Js	9	6
Axe Inn Allsorts	9	4

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Division One	Pld	Pts
Headhunters	11	101
Lost Boys	11	97
Super Sexy Six	11	87
The Coachmen	11	84
Football Club	11	74
Stray Cats	11	71
Brewers Bees	11	63
Odd Bobs	11	57
Unpredictables	11	41
Pinbusters	11	40
King Willy Dogs	11	39
Rollers	11	38

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Skimmers	10	75
Raptors	10	74
Royal Oak Drimpn	10	70
Ugly Ducklings	10	65
Fudders	10	64
Sports 92	10	62
HillBillies	10	62
Royal Chokers	10	51
DBST	10	48*
Muppets	10	45
Admiral 6	10	41

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Sandbaggers	10	78
Perrott Monkeys	10	73
Willy Low Flyers	10	73
Chis Colts	10	69
Fryers	10	68
Rotary	10	67
Football Club 2nds	10	55
The Likely Lads	10	49
Concorde	10	49
Beer Leg Boys	10	45
Muddled Muggles	10	34

EAST DEVON HUNT

Division One	Pld	Pts
Marvels	12	20
Stags	10	20
Sutton Wanderers	12	16
Culm Vale	13	15
Night Owls	11	14
Ur Arrs	12	14
Blacksmiths	12	12
Foxenhole	12	12
Marsh Green	13	12
Keepers	12	10
Talaton	11	9
Auctioneers	12	6
Honiton Clyst	12	6
Latecomers	13	4

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Perkins Village	12	16
Tuckers Arms	10	14
Upottery	10	14
Sidford	11	14
Zulu Warriors	9	12
Breakaways	10	12
Awliscombe Shoot	10	10
Jack's Lads	11	10
Cocks & Hens	10	8
A Team	11	8
Top Cats	9	6
Yetties	11	6
Bashers	8	2

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Alley Cats	10	16
Here for the Beer	9	14
Broadclyst	9	12
Earth Stoppers	10	12
Guys & Gals	10	12
Maynards	9	10
Bakers 8	11	10
Axe Valley	9	8
Yoyo's	9	8
Cee Dee's	11	8
Goldtops	11	6
Brooksiders	10	6

Top Score; Roger Clarke 87, Mile Spiller 84, Gavin Horsborough 83, Andy Chaplin 82, John Pethoick 81

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RESULTS; New Inn Kilm A 2 Talbot Arms 3, Colyton Club 3 Lamb Swans 2, Ship Inn LR 4 Ax Con Club 1.

Beer League: New Inn Kilm A 2 Talbot Arms 1, Colyton Club 2 Lamb Swans 1, Ship Inn LR 0 Ax Con Club 3.

League Table - week 14	Pld	Pts
Nags Head	12	35
Gerrard Arms	12	34
New Inn Kilm A	12	33
Colyton Club	12	32
Ship LR	11	30
Lamb Swans	12	30
Axminster Con Club	13	29
Dolphin Beer	12	29
Talbot Arms	11	26
Stepps	12	25
New Inn Kilm B	11	22

Beer Lge	Pld	Pts
Axminster Con Club	13	22
Gerrard Arms	12	21
Colyton Club	12	20
New Inn Kilm A	12	19
Ship Inn LR	11	18
New Inn Kilm B	11	18
Lamb Swans	12	18
Dolphin Beer	12	16
Stepps	12	15
Nags Head	12	14
Talbot Arms	11	14

darts

COLYTON

RESULTS (1001/Pairs first): **Week 12** - Halesy's Bar A 4(3) Kingfisher A 1(3); Halesy's Bar Motley Crew 3(2) Vault B 2(4); Vaultures 4(3) New Inn 1(3); Vault A 0(0) Barrel O' Beer 5(6) (default win); Kingfisher B 0(1) Halesy's Bar B 5(5); Golden B Hind 2(3) Kings Arms 3(3).

Highest Finishes: 110 Jody Tucker, 107 Andy Kerr 107 (both Vaultures).

180s: Dave Hales (2) (Halesy's Bar B); Jody Tucker (Vaultures); Nathan Tucker (Vault B).

1001 Pairs	Pld	Pts
Halesy's Bar A	11	41
Halesy's Bar B	10	37
Kings Arms	12	35
Vault B	11	35
Vaultures	11	30
Golden Hind A	11	29
Halesy's Crew	10	28
Barrel O' Beer	11	28
Kingfisher B	11	25
Kingfisher A	11	25
New Inn	11	16
Golden Hind B	11	16
Vault A	11	10

Singles	Pld	Pts
Halesy's Bar A	11	47
Vault B	11	46
Halesy's Bar B	10	39
Halesy's Crew	10	39
Kingfisher A	11	37
Vaultures	11	36
Kings Arms	12	36
Kingfisher B	11	33
Barrel O'Beer	11	31
Golden Hind A	11	31
Golden Hind B	11	24
New Inn	11	18
Vault A	11	9

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Team	Pld	Pts
The Swamp	9	17
Vault A	9	15
Con Club	9	13
Red Necks	7	6
Thorncombe Club	8	6
Red Bulls	7	6
Lamb Shanks	8	4
Castle Inn	7	1
Axminster Inn	6	3

Singles	Pld	Pts
The Swamp	9	31
Vault A	9	22
Thorncombe Club	8	20
Con Club	9	18
Axminster Inn	8	12
Lamb Shanks	7	11
Red Necks	6	10
Red Bulls	7	9
Castle Inn	7	7

Missing cards: Lamb Shanks v Castlem (Nov 7th) and Red Necks v Castle (Nov 28th).

starter's orders running news

Wellington defeated by local runners

CHARD ROAD RUNNERS

with Paul Masters

STUART and Roddy Mclean, Adrian Male, Helen Baxter and Paul Masters took on the BOVINGTON MARATHON which based out of the Tank museum.

Times; Roddy McLean 4h 9m 51s 31st/512, Stuart McLean 4h 35m 13s 81/512, Adrian Male 4h 46m 15s 108/512, Paul Masters 5h 07m 53s 172/512, Helen Baxter (running 29 miles having been mis-directed by a blown down sign) 7h 10m 17s 478/512.

Mike Egan and Stevie Potter headed over to Hemyock for the WELLINGTON MONUMENT 10k multi-terrain race. Times; Mike Egan 45m 37s, Stevie Potter 47m 48s.

AXE VALLEY RUNNERS

with Dave Mutter

THE WELLINGTON MONUMENT race has become a regular date for many runners and has now been going for 18 years.

The distance is a very precise 10,090m according to the organisers Taunton AC.

To give the event a sense of history, back in 1999 AVR's now Chairman Garry Perratt came 3rd in the impressive time of 35:51.

Team AVR turned up to the 2017 instalment of the race with seven runners willing to take on the total field of 256.

Jake Smith won the race in 33:14, one of the fastest times ever recorded.

The other AVR results; 6th Matt Clist 37:27, 11th Simon Davis, 12th Chet Gillespie (both in the same time of 38:33), 16th Duncan Staddon 39:24, 22nd Terry Emmet 40:08, 25th Matt Hewer 40:32, and Eleanor Wood was first over 60 lady finishing 72nd in 46:50.

The first four AVR's also walked away with the team prize with three of the team under 20.

AVRs Diane and Graham Newton joined with the other 250 runners for the 14th COCKINGTON CHRISTMAS CAPER a 7½ mile off-road race with a circular course.

The race was won by Thomas Pain in 50:34.

Graham managed to finish 40th, in 1:10:33, winning the first male vet over 65 prize. Diane finished 205th in 1:47:13.

Harry McMurtrie of Devon Orienteering Club was the victor in the latest SEATON PARKRUN taking 18:41 with Thomas Palmer 2nd, 19:52 and Dean Churchill of Pure Endurance Triathletes 3rd, 20:19.

AVR's took the top three female finishes; Kerry Board 1st F, 18th overall, 22:28; Holly Eyre 2nd F, 25th overall, 23:22 and Rosie Kendall 3rd F, 39th overall, 24:42.

There's a parkrun in Seaton on Christmas Day, usual 9am start - Festive outfits welcome!

■ **MONUMENTAL CHALLENGE:** Axe Valley Runners pictured at the Wellington Monument 10k.

■ **TANK BATTLE:** Chard Road Runners' Roddy McLean, Helen Baxter, Paul Masters, Stuart McLean and Adrian Male at Bovington.

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HONITON

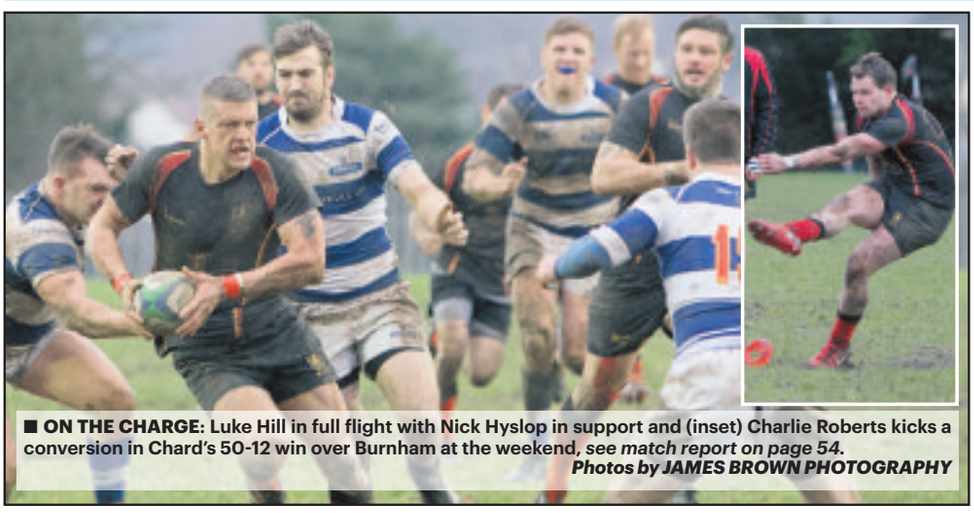
RESULTS (Dec 14th): Feniton Soc B 3 Thirsty Farmer 5, Honiton Conservative Club 3 Blacksmith Arms 5, New Fountain 3 Six Bells 5, Vine Inn B 5 Workingmens A 3, Workingmens B 4 Feniton Soc A 4.

Captains Cup: Dudley Frood 1 Brenda Flood 0, Hedley Hawkins 1 Lorraine White 0, Julie Davis 1 Julie Bath 0, Lionel Hawkins 1 Mike Dent 0, Rita Freemantle 1 Steve Pettitt 0.

Fixtures (Jan 11th): Blacksmith Arms v Workingmens B, Feniton Soc A v Vine Inn B, Thirsty Farmer v New Fountain, Vine Inn A v Six Bells, Workingmens A v Feniton Soc B.

League Table	Pld	Pts
New Fountain	14	68
Honiton Con Club	14	61
Workingmens B	14	60
Vine Inn A	13	58
Vine Inn B	14	56
Feniton Soc A	13	55
Blacksmiths Arms	13	49
Workingmens A	13	49
Thirsty Farmer	14	48
Feniton Soc B	14	48
Six Bells	14	48

Captains Cup	Pld	Pts
H.Hawkins	14	9
R.Freemantle	14	9
L.White	13	8
L.Hawkins	14	7
A.Hawkins	13	7
D.Frood	14	7
B.Flood	14	7
S.Pettitt	13	6
J.Davis	14	6
M.Dent	14	5
J.Bath	13	4



■ **ON THE CHARGE:** Luke Hill in full flight with Nick Hyslop in support and (inset) Charlie Roberts kicks a conversion in Chard's 50-12 win over Burnham at the weekend, *see match report on page 54.*

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cricket devon ladies

Six head for South Africa

SIX Axminster cricketers are in the Devon Ladies touring party flying out to South Africa in February for the 2018 Women's Cricket Festival

Cassia Astley-Jones, Emma Seward, Maddie Holifield, Sophie Florides, Holly Elsworth (Axminster) and Katie Donovan are in the 15-strong playing party flying out to Cape Town on February 10th for the four-team tournament.

Waiting for Devon are Western Province, Namibia and Warwickshire with two games against each in T20 and 50-over formats.

The girls are hard at work raising funds to meet the £2,000 cost of their places.

A justgiving page can be found at https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/devon-womens-cricket-tour

sponsors required

Tour organiser Warren Carr said: "We are still looking for a major tour sponsor and anyone interested should contact me at warren.carr@devoncricket.co.uk

National honour for Ilminster bowls club

HONITON *with Julie Grant*

HONITON men have had an up and down sort of week winning two events and losing two.

In the Charles Parrott knockout competition Honiton lost to MADEIRA by three shots, top rink Ron Rogers, Barry Randall, Jimmy Smith & Gerry Stafrace 18-12.

However, Honiton defeated DAWLISH in a Top Club match.

A DEVON PRESIDENT'S team came to Honiton and won 83-57 but with a winning rink for Honiton of Chris Maynard, Ron Rogers, Dick Summers & Jimmy Smith 26-13.

Honiton had revenge as they beat DEVON VICE PRESIDENTS 83-58, top rink Chris Maynard, Sam Sherwood, Pete Barradell & Steve Coles 26-11.

In the weekend's mixed freindly Honiton gained a 63-33 triples victory over DUNKESWELL, top rink Richard Bland, Norman Baxter & Margaret Bright 26-4.

ILMINSTER *with Des Maull*

ILMINSTER Bowling Club has been announced as the runner up in the Bowls England Club of the Year.

The will now receive two sets of Drakes Pride bowls, The D"Arcy Drayton Cup, a Bowls England Pennant and framed Certificate and a match against a visiting Friends of English Bowling Team.

To achieve this award the club had to provide up to date facilities for the game of bowls from beginners to National Competitions and also to supply coaching and advice to all members and to encourage young people to take up the sport.

Amongst the criteria for judging is the provision of an up to date web site to keep all members supplied with the latest news and information.

On Sunday Ilminster defeated visiting Bridgwater 37-30 in the Somerset & Devon Mixed League.

Details: Anthea Hall, Dave Hall, Dave Couch & Eric Keitch 17-17; Steve Peasland, Sara Lightfoot, Dave Pugh & June Checketts 20-13.

Ilminster were away to Axminster in a mixed friendly with Ilminster winning 53-43.

Details: Anthea Hall, D Fisher, P Fisher & Dave Hall 20 L Clark 10; Tony Bickle, Barbara Ball, John Mitchell & Maureen Mitchell 17 B Clark 18; Steve Peasland, Norma Pugh, Roger Lench & Dave Pugh 16 P Crompton 15.

In the National competitions Matt Hamilton is through to the 5th round in the singles and the 5th round in the pairs with Rob Paxton. The Triples team are through to the 4th round.

AXMINSTER *with David Harris*

THE club enjoyed a good 69-64 win in a mixed friendly at HONITON with a 26-6 win for John Davis, Mike Mellor & Margaret Crompton and a creditable 14-14 tie for Valerie Mellor, Gerald Knott & Brian Clark.

The club then beat MADEIRA at home with wins for Valerie Mellor, Marion Harris, David Harris & Ann Clayton (17-14) and Reg Crouch, Mike Mellor, Ann Burn & Brian Clark (16-13).

The final mixed friendly brought a 53-43 home defeat at the hands of ILMINSTER with a 18-17 win for Ann Burn, Mike Mellor, David Harris & Brian Clark.

The Ladies lost their home friendly 70-31 against the DEVON LADIES Indoor Club side, whilst the men lost their over 60s County game 91-71 against MID DEVON with the away rink of Brian Cursley, Malcolm Denslow, George Mabon & Bob Sherborne victorious 25-20.

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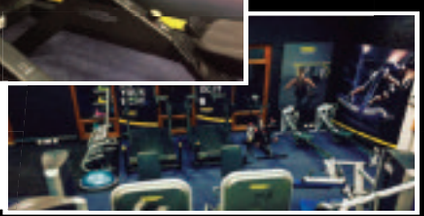

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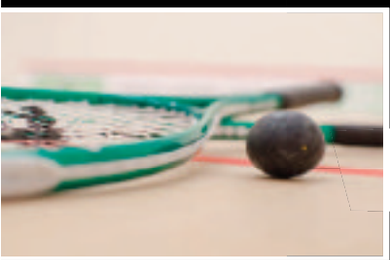

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